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Campaign: Sanders had heart attack, released from hospital

By MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders had a heart attack, his campaign confirmed Friday as the Vermont senator was released from a Nevada hospital. The 78-year-old was at a campaign event Tuesday when he experienced chest discomfort and was taken to a hospital where he was diagnosed with a heart attack. The senator was transferred to Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center, where doctors inserted two stents to open up a blocked artery in his heart, according to a statement from the Las Vegas doctors.



In this Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a rally at a campaign stop, in Denver.

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Impeachment probe reaches into White House with new subpoena

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **JILL COLVIN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the impeachment inquiry reached directly into the White House on Friday as Democrats subpoenaed officials about contacts with Ukraine and President Donald Trump signaled his administration would not cooperate.

The demand for documents capped a tumultuous week that widened the constitutional battle between the executive branch and Congress and sharpened the political standoff with more witnesses, testimony and documents to come.

Trump said he would formally object to Congress about the House impeachment inquiry, even as he acknowledged that Democrats “have the votes” to proceed. They’ll be sorry in the end, he predicted.

“I really believe that they’re going to pay a tremendous price at the polls,” Trump said.

But Democrats accused Trump of speeding down



President Donald Trump speaks as he gestures to the audience during the Young Black Leadership Summit at the White House in Washington, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

“a path of defiance, obstruction and cover-up” and warned that defying the House subpoena would in itself be considered “evidence of obstruction” and a potentially an impeachable offense.

Lawmakers have made Trump’s request last summer that Ukraine investi-

gate former Vice President Joe Biden the centerpiece of the probe. A whistleblower complaint said that Trump sought to use military assistance for Ukraine as leverage to push President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate the 2020 Democratic hopeful.

“We deeply regret that President Trump has put us -- and the nation -- in this position, but his actions have left us with no choice,” wrote the three Democratic House chairmen, Reps. Elijah Cummings, Adam Schiff and Eliot Engel, in issuing Friday’s subpoena after White House resistance to the panel’s request for witnesses and documents. Fighting the inquiry, the White House was expected to send a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi arguing that Congress could not mount its impeachment investigation without first having a vote to authorize it. White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham derided the subpoena as coming from a Democratic “kangaroo court.”

But Pelosi insisted the House is well within its rules to conduct oversight of the executive branch under the U.S. Constitution.

In the letter accompanying the subpoena, the three chairmen agreed, stating, “Speaker Pelosi has confirmed that an impeach-

ment inquiry is underway, and it is not for the White House to say otherwise.”

Trump’s comments at the White House came shortly before Democrats sent a separate extensive request for documents to Vice President Mike Pence about his contacts with Ukraine.

Pence spokeswoman Katie Waldman dismissed the demand, saying that given its wide scope, “it does not appear to be a serious request.”

The House has also subpoenaed Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

When Pelosi recently announced that the House was initiating the inquiry, she didn’t seek the consent of the full chamber, as was done for impeachment investigations into former Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton. But it is proceeding at a rapidly escalating pace.

Late Thursday, House investigators released a cache of text messages that showed top U.S. diplomats encouraging Ukraine’s newly elected president to conduct an investigation linked to Biden’s family in return for granting a high-profile visit with Trump in Washington.

The release followed a 10-hour interview with one of the diplomats, Kurt Volker, who stepped down as special envoy to Ukraine after

the impeachment inquiry had begun.

On Friday, investigators in Congress heard again from Michael Atkinson, the intelligence community inspector general who brought forward the whistleblower complaint of Trump’s call with the Ukraine president that sparked the impeachment inquiry.

Trump repeated on Friday that he had been pressing Ukraine to investigate corruption, not trying to undermine Biden, who could be his 2020 presidential election opponent. He made a related request of China, specifying Biden and his son, on Thursday.

As Republicans search for a response to the investigation, the absence of a procedural vote to begin the probe has been a main attack line against Democrats.

Pelosi swatted back the need for such a vote as unnecessary.

Pelosi has sought to avoid a vote on the impeachment probe for the same reason she resisted, for months, liberal calls to try to remove the president: It would force moderate House Democrats to make a politically risky vote.

The White House, meanwhile, is trying to force the question on Democrats, as it seeks to raise the political cost for their impeachment investigation and to animate the president’s supporters ahead of the 2020 election.

Two days after telling reporters, “Well, I always cooperate,” Trump struck a different note on cooperating with the House probe. “I don’t know,” he said. “That’s up to the lawyers.”

There’s no clear-cut procedure in the Constitution for initiating an impeachment inquiry, leaving many questions about possible presidential obstruction untested in court, said Allan Lichtman, a history professor at American University.

“There’s no specification in the Constitution in what does and does not constitute a more formal impeachment inquiry or investigation,” he said. □

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The doctors, Arturo Marchand, Jr. and Arjun Gururaj, said the rest of his arteries were normal.

A blocked artery can cause a heart attack, which means that an area of the heart is suffering and in danger of damage because it's not getting enough blood or oxygen. An artery-opening procedure like the one Sanders had, and placing stents, which are tiny scaffolds to keep the artery open, restores blood flow and helps prevent future problems. The statements from Sanders and his doctors do not indicate whether his heart suffered any permanent damage, or the extent of any. The sooner blood flow is restored, the better the chance of survival without damage, which is why heart experts urge anyone thinking they might be having a heart attack to call 911.

The doctors said the rest of his stay before being discharged Friday was "un-eventful with good expected progress."

The campaign also released a statement from Sanders where he thanked the doctors, nurses and hospital staff.

"After two and a half days in the hospital, I feel great, and after taking a short time off, I look forward to getting back to work," he said.

Soon after, he posted a video on Twitter showing him standing at a Las Vegas park with his wife.

"I just got out of the hospital a few hours ago and I'm feeling so much better," Sanders said. "See you soon on the campaign trail."

He and his wife both thanked people for their warm wishes.

He was expected to return to Vermont.

"There should not be an overreaction to this," said Dr. Steve Nissen, a heart expert at Cleveland Clinic who has not treated Sanders himself. "If he were my patient, I might ask him to avoid 16-hour days for at

least a little bit of time. But there's absolutely no reason he can't get back to full activity soon."

Heart attack patients may be statistically more prone to future heart attacks, Nissen said, but that doesn't mean Sanders will have another episode or has to slow down for more than a few days or weeks.

"What's more important than his age is his condition before the event. He strikes me as an incredibly vigorous and energetic guy. People like that tend to do well," Nissen said, adding that he doesn't buy the idea that stress causes heart attacks. "The culprit is a blockage in the coronary artery."

This marks the second time in two months that health problems forced Sanders to cancel campaign events. In September, he backed out of some appearances in South Carolina because he lost his voice. His campaign said at the time that Sanders felt fine.

As the oldest candidate in the Democratic 2020 field, Sanders has sometimes jokingly referenced his age on the campaign trail. He is one of three septuagenarians who are leading the crowded race and have sparked questions within the party about whether Democrats need to coalesce around a younger leader.

Younger candidates, such as 37-year-old South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg, have said it's time for a new generation to lead the Democratic Party and the country. Former Obama Housing Secretary Julian Castro appeared to make a jab at 76-year-old former Vice President Biden's age during the September debate. "Are you forgetting what you said two minutes ago?" the 45-year-old asked.

Former President Jimmy Carter, who turned 95 this week, recently said he hoped there would be an "age limit" for the presidency and said he didn't believe he could undertake the duties of the job if he were just 80.



In this July 17, 2019 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks about his "Medicare for All" proposal at George Washington University in Washington.

Associated Press

Democrats know that if they nominate one of the candidates who is 70 or older, it will be hard for

them to use 73-year-old President Donald Trump's age against him. Sanders, Biden and

70-year-old Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren have all pledged to release updated medical records. □



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In this July 30, 2019 file photo, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., embrace after the first of two Democratic presidential primary debates hosted by CNN in the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Associated Press

How old is too old? White House hopefuls confront age debate

By **BILL BARROW**
Associated Press

The fraught debate over whether someone is too old to manage the rigors of the presidency has largely been overlooked during a Democratic primary that has put more emphasis on issues such as health care, immigration and gun control. That changed this week.

The hospitalization of 78-year-old Bernie Sanders to treat a blocked artery in his heart ensures that the question of how old is too old to be president moves to the forefront of the Democratic contest.

An uncomfortable fact for the party — that three of its leading contenders are 70 or older — will be impossible to ignore.

If any of those candidates were to become the nominee, they wouldn't be able to use 73-year-old President Donald Trump's age against him. And perhaps most importantly to a party determined to defeat Trump, a septuagenarian nominee would have to work harder to present himself or herself as an agent of change, typically a key argument in any effort to defeat an incumbent president.

"It's a legitimate question

to try to ascertain someone's health, especially knowing how grueling presidential campaigns can be," said Donna Brazile, a former Democratic National Committee chairwoman and a veteran of more than a half-dozen presidential campaigns. "It doesn't slow down if you win."

Beyond Sanders, Joe Biden is 76 and Elizabeth Warren is 70. If any of them won the nomination, the general election would feature two septuagenarians for the first time in U.S. history.

Trump began his term in 2017 as the oldest newly sworn-in president — about eight months older than Ronald Reagan, who left the White House at 77 years, 349 days. Any of the three Democrats, including Warren, would set a new mark as the oldest new president. But Biden and Sanders have a potential additional distinction: Both would be older on their first day in office than Reagan was on his last.

Former President Jimmy Carter, who turned 95 Tuesday, has suggested there's a point at which it would be difficult for someone to manage the presidency. He recently said he hoped there was "an age limit"

for the job. "If I were just 80 years old ... I don't believe I could undertake the duties," Carter said, pointing specifically to responsibilities surrounding foreign affairs.

In the U.S., the current life expectancy is 76 for males, 81 for females — though the expectancy is higher for married individuals and wealthier individuals, variables that apply to all the older 2020 candidates.

Some younger candidates, notably Pete Buttigieg, 37, have said it's time for a new generation to lead Democrats and the nation. Another hopeful, former Obama Housing Secretary Julián Castro, 45, took a swipe at Biden's age during last month's presidential debate.

In a sign that they're aware of the concerns, Biden, Sanders and Warren have pledged to release up-to-date medical records. They're also trying to project vitality.

While Sanders recovered from his heart procedure Thursday, his aides insisted he would participate in the fourth Democratic presidential debate later this month, a televised event that will require a dozen candidates to stand on stage for nearly 2½ hours. □

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Iranian hackers said to target presidential campaign

By **TAMI ABDOLLAH**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft said Friday that hackers linked to the Iranian government targeted a U.S. presidential campaign, as well as government officials, media targets and prominent expatriate Iranians. Overall, the hackers attempted to penetrate 241 accounts — four successfully — though none of those penetrated was associated with presidential campaigns or current or past U.S. officials, Microsoft said. A company spokeswoman declined to identify those targeted, citing customer privacy.



This July 3, 2014, file photo, shows the Microsoft Corp. logo outside the Microsoft Visitor Center in Redmond, Wash.

Associated Press

Reuters and The New York Times reported that the attack targeted President Donald Trump's reelection campaign, but this could not be independently confirmed. But a review of publicly available internet records by AP showed that

the Trump campaign's official website is linked to Microsoft's email service. Tim Murtaugh, spokesman for Trump's 2020 reelection campaign, said there was "no indication that any of our campaign infrastructure was targeted." □

Texas execution halted over claims judge was anti-Semitic

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

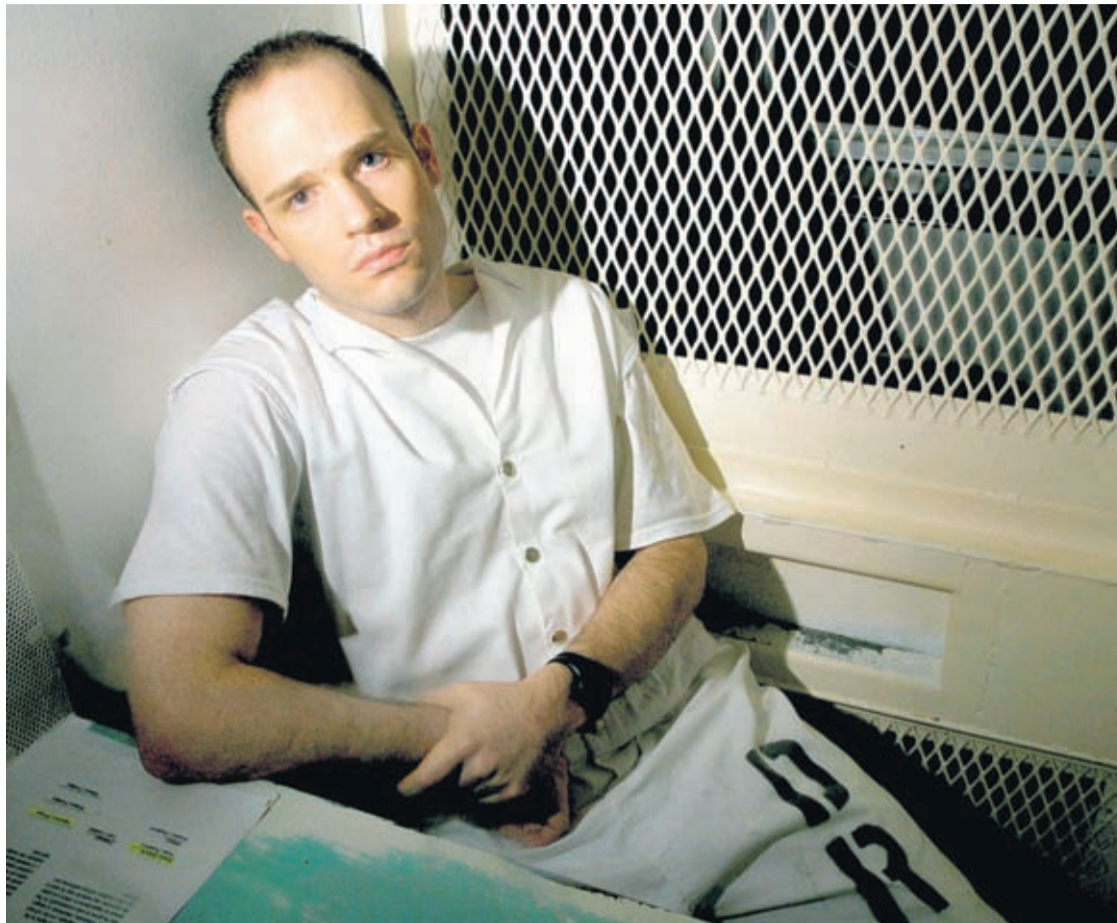
HOUSTON (AP) — A Jewish death row inmate who was part of the “Texas 7” gang of escaped prisoners and faced execution in less than a week won a reprieve on Friday after claiming the former judge at his trial was anti-Semitic and frequently used racial slurs.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted a stay of execution for Randy Halprin, who had been scheduled to receive a lethal injection on Oct. 10. The appeals court ordered Halprin's case be sent back to the Dallas County court that convicted him, so it can review his claims that his trial judge was biased against him because he is Jewish.

Halprin's attorneys are asking that he be granted a new trial.

“Today's decision to stay Randy Halprin's scheduled execution is a signal that bigotry and bias are unacceptable in the criminal justice system,” Tivon Schardl, one of Halprin's attorneys, said in a statement.

Halprin was among the inmates who escaped from a South Texas prison in December 2000 and then committed numerous robberies, including the one in which they shot 29-year-old



In this Dec. 3, 2003, file photo, death row inmate Randy Halprin, then 26, sits in a visitation cell at the Polunsky Unit in Livingston, Texas.

Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins 11 times, killing him. The escaped inmates were arrested a month later in Colorado, ending a six-week manhunt. One of them killed himself as officers closed in and the other six, including Halprin, were convicted of killing Hawkins and sentenced to death. Four of the six who were convicted have since been executed. Hal-

prin's attorneys alleged in his appeal that friends and people who worked with ex-Judge Vickers Cunningham from Dallas County said he “did not like anyone not of his race, religion or creed” and used racial slurs and anti-Semitic language to refer to Halprin and some of the other “Texas 7” inmates who were convicted. Cunningham oversaw the trials of

ningham faced allegations of bigotry last year after telling the Dallas Morning News he has a living trust that rewards his children for marrying straight, white Christians. Cunningham was running for county commissioner at the time, and he lost the Republican runoff days later.

Cunningham denied racial bigotry at the time of the Morning News interview. And he told the newspaper in June that the allegations made by Halprin's lawyers were “fabrications” from his estranged brother.

Halprin, who has maintained he never fired a weapon at the officer, was convicted under Texas' law of parties, which holds a person criminally responsible for the actions of another if they are engaged in a conspiracy.

He was the second death row inmate in Texas set for execution this month who got a stay this week. On Thursday, a judge halted the Oct. 16 execution of 60-year-old Randall Wayne Mays. He was condemned for a 2007 shootout at his home in East Texas' Henderson County that left two sheriff's deputies dead. □

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Halprin and other members of the gang.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office, which prosecuted Halprin, declined comment Friday. Cunningham, now an attorney in Dallas, also wouldn't comment. Cun-

AP's major findings on accused priests, by the numbers

By The Associated Press

In reviewing the status of nearly 2,000 Roman Catholic clergy members and church employees credibly accused of sex abuse, The Associated Press found that the vast majority were living unsupervised by the church or law enforcement authorities — and that many had put themselves in positions where they were near at-risk or young people.

Among the AP's findings:

- 65 former clergy members were charged with crimes committed after their church service, with half of those crimes involving sexual assault, child pornography or failing to

- register as a sex offender.
- 76 have current, active licenses to work in schools or medical facilities or to serve as counselors or social workers.
- More than 190 had licenses in at least one of those fields at some point in their careers

- 91 held education licenses, 52 held counseling certification, 31 had social worker licenses and 28 had medical licenses of some type. A handful had more than one kind of license.
- More than 160 continued to work or volunteer in churches, including more than 30 who moved overseas and worked as

- priests without restrictions. In the U.S., accused priests have been found saying Mass, officiating weddings, playing music, working in church administrative roles and acting as eucharistic ministers.
- Although over 310 had been criminally charged from their actions during their time as priests, only 85 are on sex offender registries.
- More than a quarter currently live within 2,000 feet of a school, playground or child care facility
- Roughly 110 were confirmed or believed to have moved overseas after allegations arose in the U.S. □



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Supreme Court to hear abortion regulation case

By **MARK SHERMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to plunge into the abortion debate in the midst of the 2020 presidential campaign, taking on a Louisiana case that could reveal how willing the more conservative court is to chip away at abortion rights.

The justices will examine a Louisiana law requiring doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. The law is virtually identical to one in Texas that the Supreme Court struck down in 2016, when Justice Anthony Kennedy was on the bench and before the addition of President Donald Trump's two high court picks, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, who have shifted the court to the right.

The court's new term begins Monday, but arguments in the Louisiana case won't take place until the winter. A decision is likely to come by the end of June, four months before the presidential election.

The Supreme Court temporarily blocked the Louisiana law from taking effect in February, when Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court's four liberal justices to put it on hold. Kavanaugh and Gorsuch were among the four conservatives who would have allowed the law to take



In this June 20, 2019 file photo, The Supreme Court is seen under stormy skies in Washington.

effect. Those preliminary votes do not bind the justices when they undertake a thorough review of an issue, but they often signal how a case will come out. Roberts' vote to block the Louisiana law was a rare vote against an abortion restriction in his more than 13 years as chief justice. That may reflect his new role since Kennedy's retirement as the court's swing justice, his concern about the court being perceived as a partisan institution and respect for a prior decision of the court, even one he disagreed with. In the Texas case, he voted in dissent to uphold the admitting privileges requirement.

The Louisiana case and a separate appeal over an Indiana ultrasound requirement for women seeking an abortion, on which the court took no action Friday, were the most significant of hundreds of pending appeals the justices considered when they met in private on Tuesday. Both cases involve the standard first laid out by the court in 1992 that while states can regulate abortion, they can't do things that place an "undue burden" on a woman's right to an abortion. The regulations are distinct from other state laws making their way through court challenges that would ban abortions early in a pregnancy.

Louisiana abortion providers and a district judge who initially heard the case said one or maybe two of the state's three abortion clinics would have to close under the new law. There would be at most two doctors who could meet its requirements, they said. But the appeals court in New Orleans rejected those claims, doubting that any clinics would have to close and saying the doctors had not tried hard enough to establish relationships with local hospitals. In January, the full appeals court voted 9-6 not to get involved in the case, setting up the Supreme Court appeal. The Hope Medical Group

clinic in Shreveport, Louisiana, and two doctors whose identities are not revealed said in their appeal that the justices should strike down the law without even holding arguments because the decision so clearly conflicts with the Texas ruling from 2016. The court did not follow that path Friday.

There also was no action on a third abortion-related appeal that involves a challenge to a Chicago ordinance that stops protesters from getting within 8 feet (2.4 meters) of people entering abortion clinics and other health care facilities without their consent. Anti-abortion activists had challenged the Chicago law as a violation of their free speech rights. The federal appeals court in Chicago upheld the law, though grudgingly.

The Supreme Court upheld a similar Colorado law in 2000, but in 2014 struck down a Massachusetts provision that set a fixed 35-foot (10.7-meter) buffer zone outside abortion clinics.

Also Friday, the court agreed to hear an appeal by energy companies and the Trump administration asking the court to overturn an appeals court ruling and reinstate a permit to allow construction of a natural gas pipeline through two national forests, including parts of the Appalachian Trail. □

Army veteran deported after drug conviction now a U.S. citizen



In this Sept. 25, 2019, file photo, Army veteran Miguel Perez Jr. speaks with reporters after a citizenship hearing with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Chicago.

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — An Army veteran deported to Mexico after serving time in prison for a drug conviction became a U.S. citizen on Friday. Miguel Perez Jr. held up his citizenship certificate for the cameras after being sworn in, saying, "Here it is." "It took a whole lot of work and a whole lot of praying," the 41-year-old Perez said while meeting with supporters and reporters at a Chicago church. "I'm here to thank every single one of you."

Perez, who was raised in Chicago, had a green

card. But after serving 7½ years for a 2008 nonviolent drug conviction, he was deported last year. He was granted permission last month by immigration officials to re-enter the country for another chance to become a U.S. citizen. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker pardoned him in August.

Perez said when his lawyer called him Friday morning to tell him the news about his citizenship, he was in shock. Perez said he didn't believe it was real until he had the certificate in his hand. He said he expected

to be returned to Mexico on Monday because he was in the U.S. on a 14-day permit. Born in Mexico, Perez's family immigrated when he was a young child. His parents are naturalized U.S. citizens and his two children were born in the U.S.

He joined the Army in 2002 and served in Afghanistan, where he suffered a brain injury and was diagnosed with PTSD. The veteran said he plans to focus on his health, including getting the mental health care he needs, and spending time with his family. □

NYPD officer killed by friendly fire is hailed as a hero

By RYAN TARINELLI

Associated Press

MONROE, N.Y. (AP) — With bagpipers marching silently to the beat of a somber drum, a New York City police officer killed by friendly fire was honored at his funeral Friday as a hero and a dedicated, compassionate professional who put his heart into his work.

Officer Brian Mulkeen, who was hit Sunday by two police bullets while tussling with an armed man in the Bronx, was the second New York City officer killed by friendly fire this year.

"We are here to honor a hero" and "celebrate the life of an absolutely remarkable man," said Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill, who choked back emotion as he addressed mourners.

Mulkeen "understood that his work required his whole heart and all the compassion that was in him," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. The officer, for instance, kept in touch with a teen he had arrested, inviting him to play basketball.

"He undoubtedly changed the direction of that young man's life," said de Blasio, adding that the family was "devastated" by Mulkeen's death, "as if they'd lost a



The casket bearing police officers Brian Mulkeen is carried from Church of the Sacred Heart, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 in Monroe, N.Y.

family member too."

Mulkeen, a graduate of Fordham University's business school, had worked as a financial adviser for Merrill Lynch from 2007 to 2009 but left and pursued a life of public service.

"He could have taken an easier path. That wasn't Brian," de Blasio said. "He wanted to be at the front line. He wanted to protect people."

Even the night before his death, the mayor said, the

33-year-old officer made an arrest and took a gun off the street.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of officers in their dark blues flooded the street outside the Church of the Sacred Heart in Monroe, north of New York City.

Amid the hum of bagpipes, they crisply saluted as Mulkeen's flag-draped casket was carried inside the church, which overlooks the hills of Orange County. He was raised in Monroe

and graduated from high school just miles from the church, according to an obituary.

Mulkeen, who joined the department in January 2013, was working with a plainclothes unit when he and his partners encountered the armed man.

The man fled on foot, and officers chased him. Mulkeen and the man started to wrestle.

Police have described a chaotic confrontation in

which 15 shots were fired in 10 seconds by six officers. Deputy Chief Kevin Maloney said five of those shots came from Mulkeen after the armed man reached toward his waistband.

The armed man was also killed in the gunfire.

Mulkeen, the grandson of a New York City police officer, has been posthumously promoted to detective first grade, O'Neill announced.

Only one person was responsible for Mulkeen's death, O'Neill said at the funeral: the man who carried a "loaded and illegal gun and decided to run from police."

The police commissioner highlighted Mulkeen's work fighting violent activity and taking guns off the street, saying it was his job to go after the most violent and dangerous people in the city.

Mulkeen lived in suburban Yorktown Heights with his girlfriend, who is a police officer.

NYPD Detective Brian Simonsen was killed by friendly fire in February. He was hit in the chest by crossfire as he and other officers fired at a robbery suspect who pretended to be firing a fake handgun. □

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New Atlantic City mayor's vow: I'll follow the law

By WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Marty Small began his tenure as acting mayor of Atlantic City by setting a seemingly low bar for himself, yet one that has tripped up many of his predecessors in the ethically challenged city.

"I'm going to follow the law at all times," he declared. Small was speaking at a ceremonial swearing-in ceremony in City Hall a day after his predecessor, Frank Gilliam Jr., admitted stealing \$87,000 from a youth basketball team he had founded. Gilliam resigned hours later.

And so the mayoral merry-go-round spun yet again in this seaside gambling resort whose long, rich history of

corruption was chronicled in the hit HBO series "Boardwalk Empire."

Small, 45, said he would not talk about Gilliam other than to ask residents to pray for the former mayor and his family. Gilliam could get 20 years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 7.

Gilliam, 49, pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Camden to stealing money that was purportedly for the basketball team and for school supplies for poor children. But prosecutors say he used it on himself — for trips, fancy clothes and other personal expenses.

Gilliam apologized to residents in a letter Thursday afternoon. "It is with a heavy heart that I tender my resignation as the Mayor of the City of Atlantic City, effec-



Marty Small speaks at a swearing-in ceremony in Atlantic City, N.J. on Friday Oct. 4, 2019 after becoming the gambling resort's acting mayor.

tive immediately," Gilliam wrote in a letter filed with the city clerk. "My sincere apologies to each constituent that voted for me and had high hopes in my ten-

ure." Yet his lawyer issued a statement trying to lessen the perceived severity of the crime, noting that Gilliam stole private money, not public funds. Gilliam

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stepped down shortly after New Jersey's attorney general filed court papers seeking his ouster under New Jersey's Forfeiture of Public Office law. Small has run several times for mayor and lost a primary to Gilliam in 2017. Small himself has been charged twice — and acquitted twice — of election-related fraud in cases he maintains were politically motivated.

How long he might serve as mayor is uncertain. Because an incumbent mayor resigned in the midst of a term, the law calls for the city Democratic Committee to nominate three candidates to the City Council within 15 days. The council must select a candidate within 30 days to become the next mayor. □

Thousands protest mask ban as HK leader toughens stance

By **JOHN LEICESTER and EILEEN NG**

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Defiant masked protesters rampaged, police fired tear gas, and a teen was wounded by gunfire hours after Hong Kong's embattled leader banned masks at rallies, invoking rarely used emergency powers to quell four months of anti-government demonstrations.

Challenging the ban, which went into effect Saturday, thousands of protesters crammed streets in the central business district and other areas Friday night, shouting "Hong Kong people, resist!" Two activists filed legal challenges on grounds the ban would instill fear and curtail freedom of assembly, but a court denied their request for an injunction.

Pockets of angry protesters attacked Chinese bank outlets and shops, vandalized subway stations and set street fires across the city, prompting police to respond with tear gas in many areas. An officer fired a single shot from his gun in self-defense after he was attacked by protesters in the northern Yuen Long district, said police spokeswoman Yolanda Yu. She said a male was wounded, but that police didn't know exactly how he got shot.

A police official, who requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the news media, said the male is 14. A Hospital Authority spokesman said the teen was in serious but not critical condition.

The teen became the second victim of gunfire since pro-democracy protests began in June and just three days after an 18-year-old protester was shot by a riot police officer at close range.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam told a news conference Friday that the mask ban, imposed under a colonial-era Emergency Ordinance that was last used over half a century ago, would be "an effective deterrent to radical



A protester wears a gas mask and holds up his hand to represent the protester's five demands in Hong Kong Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

behavior."

"We must save Hong Kong — the present Hong Kong and the future Hong Kong," she said. "We must stop the violence. ... We can't just leave the situation to get worse and worse."

Lam said she would seek the legislature's backing for the ban later. She insisted the semiautonomous Chinese territory was not in a state of emergency but wouldn't rule out a further toughening of measures if violence continued. She dismissed suggestions that she should resign, saying it would be unhelpful at a time when Hong Kong is in "a very critical state of public danger."

Face masks have become a hallmark of protesters in Hong Kong, even at peaceful marches, amid fears of retribution at work or of being denied access to schooling, public housing and other government-funded services. Some young protesters also wear

full gas masks and goggles to protect against tear gas. Many are concerned their identities could be shared with the massive state-security apparatus that helps keep the Communist Party in power in mainland China, where high-tech surveillance including facial recognition technology is ubiquitous.

Lam's ban applies to all public gatherings, both unauthorized and those approved by police. It makes the wearing of any face coverings, including face paint, punishable by one year in jail. A six-month jail term could be imposed on people who refuse a police officer's order to remove a face covering for identification. Masks will be permitted when wearers can prove they need them for work, health or religious reasons.

Thousands of masked protesters marched before Lam spoke. The rallies spread to many areas as

protesters vowed not to be cowed. Many blocked traffic, smashed up shops and public properties, and set fires at streets and subway exits before the protests ended after midnight.

"Will they arrest 100,000 people on the street?" said a protester who gave his surname as Lui. "The government is trying to intimidate us, but at this moment, I don't think the people will be scared."

A protester who identified himself as Ernest Ho noted that Hong Kong police wear masks "and they don't show their pass and their number."

"So, I will still keep my mask on everywhere," Ho said.

Analysts said the use of the Emergency Ordinance set a dangerous precedent. The law, a relic of British rule enacted in 1922 to quell a seamen's strike and last used to crush riots in 1967, gives broad powers to the city's chief executive to implement regulations in

an emergency. "If the anti-mask legislation proves to be ineffective, it could lead the way to more draconian measures such as a curfew and other infringement of civil liberties," said Willy Lam, adjunct professor at the Chinese University and no relation to Carrie Lam.

British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said Lam's government should avoid aggravating tensions and that "political dialogue is the only way" out. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, the world's oldest leader, said Lam should resign and predicted Beijing would send in its military to end the crisis.

Carrie Lam bristled at a suggestion that the mask ban nudged Hong Kong closer to authoritarian rule. She insisted she was not acting under orders from Beijing, which she visited this week when Communist Party leaders celebrated 70 years in power on Tuesday. But Yang Guang, a Chinese spokesman for Hong Kong affairs, expressed support late Friday, saying it was time for stern measures to end the conflict.

The ban came after widespread violence Tuesday across Hong Kong that marred China's National Day, when a police officer shot a protester at close range, escalating the violence since protests started over a now-shelved extradition bill. The wounded teenager was charged with attacking police and rioting. The government last month withdrew the extradition bill, which would have allowed suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial, but the movement has snowballed into an anti-China campaign amid anger over what many view as Beijing's interference in Hong Kong's autonomy. Protesters have widened their demands to include direct elections of the city's leader and police accountability.

More than 2,100 people have been detained so far, including 204 charged with rioting, which carries a penalty of up to a decade in prison. □

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Trudeau's main political rival has American citizenship

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's main political rival in elections this month holds dual Canadian-U.S. citizenship, but a spokesman for Conservative party leader Andrew Scheer said Thursday that he recently embarked on the process of renouncing his American citizenship.

Scheer and the Conservative party have criticized previous party leaders for holding dual citizenship in the past.

Scheer said he visited the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa just before the election began in August to say he was renouncing his citizenship and is currently awaiting confirmation from the embassy after filing paperwork.

Conservative party spokesman Cory Hann said Scheer and his sisters received U.S. passports as children but Scheer has not renewed his as an adult. Scheer's said his father was born in the U.S. and immigrated to Canada.

"It was always my intention to do it," he said.

Scheer said he has filed U.S. tax returns. The Globe and Mail first reported the news of his dual citizenship.

"Over a million Canadians hold dual citizenship — it's part of what makes Canada great. But none have hidden that fact when running to be Prime Minister," Liberal party spokeswoman Zita Astravas said in a state-



Conservative leader Andrew Scheer is seen following his morning announcement at a volunteer fire department in Upper Kingsclear, N.B. Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019.

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ment. "Andrew Scheer has been fundamentally dishonest with Canadians about who he is."

In 2005, Scheer criticized Canada's then-governor general, Michaëlle Jean, for having dual Canadian-French citizenship.

"He was hypocritical in his attack on Michaëlle Jean and it is good that it is now exposed," said Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto.

But Wiseman said he didn't think Scheer's dual citizenship will have much effect on public opinion, noting many Canadians have dual citizenship.

Scheer also said Thursday that he opposes abortion but would not reopen debate on Canada's law allowing abortions. He had dodged the question after being grilled by Trudeau at a debate Wednesday night ahead of the Oct. 21 parliamentary elections. □

Ukraine reviews cases on owner of firm that hired Biden son

By YURAS KARMANAU and NATALIYA VASILYEVA

Associated Press

ZHYTOMYR, Ukraine (AP)

— Ukraine's top prosecutor said Friday his office is reviewing several cases related to the owner of a gas company where the son of former Vice President Joe Biden sat on the board, but he added that he wasn't aware of any evidence of wrongdoing by either Biden.

U.S. President Donald Trump had asked for an investigation of Biden, his Democratic rival, in a July 25 phone call with new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at a time when millions of dollars in U.S. military assistance to the country was being held up. That has prompted the U.S. Congress to begin an impeachment inquiry against Trump. The move by Prosecutor General Ruslan Ryaboshapka was seen by political analysts in Kyiv not as a new investigation to dig up dirt on the Bidens but rather an attempt to stay in the good graces of the White House at a time when Ukraine needs Western help to deal with an uprising by pro-Russia separatists.

Ryaboshapka told reporters that his office was "auditing" relevant cases that were closed, dismissed or put on hold by his predecessors.

Several of the cases under audit are related to Mykola Zlochevsky, owner of the gas company Burisma that hired Hunter Biden in 2014, the same time his father



In this handout photo provided by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office, Ruslan Ryaboshapka speaks to the media in Kyiv, Ukraine, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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was leading the Obama administration's diplomatic dealings with Ukraine.

"We are now reviewing all the cases that were closed or split into several parts or were investigated before, in order to be able to rule to reverse those cases where illegal procedural steps were taken," Ryaboshapka said. Asked if the prosecutors had evidence of any wrongdoing on Hunter Biden's part, he said: "I have no such information."

The Prosecutor General's Office said in a statement that among the cases being reviewed are 15 in which Zlochevsky is mentioned. None of the Zlochevsky-related cases has been revived yet, the office said.

They did not specify how many, if any, were related to Hunter Biden's work at Burisma.

Trump has said that the United States has an "absolute right" to ask foreign leaders to investigate cor-

ruption cases. Asked about that by The Associated Press, Zelenskyy said during an appearance in the Ukrainian city of Zhytomyr that all cases under investigation are "transparent." "Chief prosecutors could pull their efforts together, we have all cases open," Zelenskyy said.

Zelenskyy and Ryaboshapka denied being under any foreign pressure over corruption investigations, although text messages released Thursday in the U.S. showed American diplomats pushing for an investigation of Biden's son. House investigators released a cache of text messages provided by Kurt Volker, the former special U.S. envoy to Ukraine who has stepped down.

In the messages, Volker encouraged an aide to Zelenskyy to conduct an investigation linked to Biden's family in exchange for getting the president a high-profile meeting to Washington with Trump. □

Abe wants summit with N. Korea, keeps distance from South

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Friday he wants to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un even though he keeps testing missiles. At the same time, Abe gave a cold shoulder to South Korea amid tensions over wartime history. In a policy speech opening the parliamentary session, Abe said he will take any chance to meet Kim. "I'm determined to face Chairman Kim Jong Un, without attaching any pre-conditions," Abe said, after changing his policy earlier this year. "Based on a level-headed analysis, I will act decisively so that I won't miss any chance."

Abe used to say he would meet Kim only when there is progress on denuclearization and the decades-old issue of Japanese citizens abducted to North Korea. But he changed his tune after other regional leaders, including those in China, South Korea and Russia, choose to meet Kim. North Korea has resumed missile tests following the February collapse of its summit with the United States. The latest was a test-firing Wednesday of an underwater-launched missile, parts of which fell inside Ja-

pan's exclusive economic zone. The U.S. talks resume Saturday in Stockholm. "Regarding the current North Korea situation, we will do the utmost to protect the safety of the people as we will closely cooperate with the U.S. and the international community," Abe said. While maintaining its alliance with the U.S. as a "cornerstone" of diplomacy and security, Japan will also "join hands with countries that it shares fundamental values, such as Britain, France, Australia and



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center, chats with lawmakers after the opening of an extraordinary session at the upper house of parliament in Tokyo Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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India, to achieve free and open Indo-Pacific," Abe said.

Unlike in the past, Abe did not mention South Korea in the context of cooperation on North Korean missile and nuclear threats. He only repeated that South Korea must withdraw demands for Japanese wartime compensation beyond what was already paid under the peace treaty. "South Korea is an important neighbor. I urge (South Korea) to keep promises between countries under the international

law," he said. Relations between the U.S. allies deteriorated rapidly since July over the issue of Korean laborers abused by Japanese companies during World War II, as well as Japan's export controls for materials crucial for South Korean industries. It prompted Seoul to announce in late August it would terminate a bilateral military intelligence pact. Abe said economy is also his policy priority. Japan will take a leadership to promote "free, fair and rule-based trade zones across

the world," he said. At home, Abe is pushing harder to amend Japan's war-renouncing constitution. Abe and his right-wing supporters have long campaigned to revise the U.S.-drafted war-renouncing constitution, as they see it as a legacy of Japan's World War II defeat and humiliation during the U.S. occupation. His constitution campaign, however, has struggled amid voter concern about the economy and social security. Hurdles to achieve his long-cherished goal are high — two-thirds approval in both houses of the parliament to propose a revision before a national referendum. Abe's party and supporters of a revision have two-thirds in the lower house, but lost the benchmark in the other chamber in the July election. Abe's current term ends in September 2021, unless his party revises its rule again to allow him to seek a fourth term. Abe now proposes a revision to Article 9 by specifying Japan's Self-Defense Force as the country's legitimate military as a way to gain broader support. He says opposition lawmakers should at least join discussion of a change. □

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Japanese whalers complete first commercial hunt in 31 years

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese whaling ship returned home to the country's southwest Friday after almost meeting its annual quota, ending its first commercial whaling season in 31 years. Operator Kyodo Senpaku Co. said its main factory ship Nisshin Maru returned to its home port of Shimonoseki, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's home constituency, after catching 223 whales during its three-month expedition off the Japanese coast. Nisshin Maru's two support ships, Yushin Maru and No. 3 Yushin Maru, also returned to their home ports. Japan resumed commercial whaling on July 1 after leaving



Japan's main whaling ship Nisshin Maru returns to its home port of Shimonoseki, southwestern Japan, after whaling commercially for the first time in 31 years, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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the International Whaling Commission, promising that the whalers would stay within the country's exclusive economic waters. Japan had conduct-

ed research hunts for 31 years in the Antarctic and the Northwest Pacific that conservationists criticized as a cover for commercial hunts banned by the IWC.

Kyodo Senpaku President Eiji Mori praised the whalers for returning with "better than expected" results despite earlier uncertainty because of their lack of experience in the area. "We were worried if we could catch any, but they did a great job," Mori said. "We will examine the results closely and make a plan for the next season."

Of the quota of 232 whales allocated to the main fleet, they caught 187 Bryde's, 25 sei and 11 minke whales, only nine minke whales short of the cap. The fleet brought back an estimated 1,430 tons of frozen whale meat from the catch, down 670 tons from last year's Antarctic hunts. Separately, whalers operating small-

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Cyprus: Turkey's new gas drilling bid 'severe escalation'

By MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS
Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) —

Cyprus on Friday lashed out at Turkey's new attempt to drill for gas in Cypriot waters where European energy companies are already licensed to conduct a search, calling it a "severe escalation" and vowing to fight the move.

In a strongly worded statement, the Cypriot government denounced the arrival of the Turkish drillship Yavuz in an area licensed to France's Total and Italy's Eni as "utterly provocative and aggressive behavior," in defiance of international calls to respect the east Mediterranean island nation's sovereign rights.

It said the Turkish government is putting regional stability and security at risk by choosing to "irreversibly depart from international legality," adding it would not yield to "threats and bullying tactics" of a bygone era.

"Illegality, no matter how often it's repeated, does not generate law," the Cypriot government said, adding that it would step up its legal and diplomatic



Cypriot soldiers ride on tanks during a military parade marking the 59 years celebrations of independence in Nicosia in the divided island of Cyprus, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019.

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fight, especially within the European Union.

Turkey doesn't recognize Cyprus as a state and claims some 44% of the island's exclusive economic zone as its own, saying it's acting to protect its interests and those of break-away Turkish Cypriots.

The EU has already imposed sanctions against Turkey for earlier drilling activities in waters where Cyprus has

exclusive economic rights but that aren't licensed out to energy companies. The Yavuz is the second warship-escorted drillship that Turkey has dispatched to drill off Cyprus, joining the Fatih and other research vessels.

The Cypriot government has issued international arrest warrants against top executives from energy companies assisting the

Turkish drillships.

The Yavuz has sailed into an area some 50 miles (80 kilometers) off the town of Paphos on Cyprus' southwestern coast, which is licensed to Eni and Total but which Turkey claims partly falls within its own continental shelf.

Cyprus was split along ethnic lines following a 1974 Turkish invasion triggered by a coup aiming at union

with Greece. Although the island joined the EU in 2004, only the southern, internationally recognized part enjoys full membership benefits.

Britain's Minister for Europe, Christopher Pincher, said his country "deplores" any unlawful drilling off Cyprus. Speaking after talks with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades, Pincher said the U.K. supports Cyprus's right to extract hydrocarbons from inside its exclusive economic zone and that any potential wealth from such activities go toward the benefit of all Cypriots.

Anastasiades spoke to European Union Council President Donald Tusk who repeated the bloc's condemnation of Turkey's actions and reaffirmed EU solidarity with Cyprus, according to a Cyprus government statement. Tusk said the matter will be taken up at the next EU leaders' summit later this month.

The Cypriot president also agreed with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis to take coordinated action within the EU and the U.N. to counter Turkey's activities. □

Mexican actress Aparicio named UNESCO ambassador

By MASHA MACPHERSON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The United Nations' cultural agency UNESCO has appointed Mexican actress Yalitza Aparicio as its goodwill ambassador for indigenous peoples.

The 25-year-old actress made history as the first indigenous performer nominated for a best actress honor at the Academy Awards this year for her performance in the film "Roma", in which she speaks in an indigenous

language and in Spanish. The Paris-based organization said Friday that Aparicio, who was born in the poor Mexican state of Oaxaca, was chosen for her commitment to fight racism and advocate for gender equality and indigenous rights. Aparicio said she felt "proud to be an indigenous woman" and hopes "to go hand in hand with UNESCO in the best way, to be able to support these indigenous communities."

She said indigenous communities also can pass on

their traditional wisdom. "As my grandparents used to say: 'You have to take care of the land because you eat it'. So hopefully we learn this part," she said. She will help the UNESCO's work alongside indigenous peoples across the world, including preserving their cultural heritage and environment knowledge and fighting for equal access to education.

Aparicio also drew attention to problems faced by some indigenous people in legal cases. □



In this Feb. 4, 2019 file photo, Yalitza Aparicio, nominated for an Oscar for best actress for her role in "Roma," poses for a portrait at the 91st Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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In this Sept. 30, 2019 photo provided by the Peruvian Production Ministry, dried seahorses that were seized by authorities are displayed in Callao, Peru.

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Peruvian authorities: 12.3 million dried seahorses seized

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Authorities in Peru say they've detained a ship carrying 12.3 million dried seahorses with a \$6 million export value in an unprecedented operation. Peruvian marines followed the Adonay ship for several days before intercepting it about 200 miles (322 kilometers) off the Pacific coast.

On board, authorities found 55 boxes filled with seahorses in what Peruvians say is the largest such capture on record.

Four crew members were also detained and face up to five years in prison each.

Throughout the years, the sea creature has been illegally bought for use in Chinese medicine.

But concerns about declining populations have led many countries to implement export bans.

Authorities announced the latest operation Tuesday and say the seahorses will be donated to investigative centers and local universities for research. □

South Africa seizes large illegal shipment of lion bones

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa says an illegal shipment of lion bones weighing 342 kilograms (754 pounds) has been seized at Johannesburg's main airport.

An environment ministry statement says the bones were found wrapped in tin foil inside a dozen wooden crates. The ministry says three people have been arrested after the discovery on Tuesday.

It is not immediately clear where the lion bones were being shipped. The statement says the cargo had been misdeclared. South African policy allows the annual export of a certain number of skeletons of captive-bred lions to meet demand in Asia for bones, but some animal rights groups have objected.

Conservationists say the enforcement of regulations governing the lion bone trade is weak and that the legal market could threaten Africa's wild lions by spurring demand. □



A demonstrator dressed in lawyer's robes joins a protest calling for the resignation of President Jovenel Moïse, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

Associated Press

Thousands rally against embattled Haitian president

By **DÁNICA COTO**
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Thousands of protesters marched for miles through the Haitian capital to the U.N. headquarters Friday in the one of the largest demonstrations in a weeklong push to demand the ouster of embattled President Jovenel Moïse.

At least two people were shot as police in riot gear blocked the main entrance to the airport and fired tear gas at the crowd, which responded by throwing rocks and bottles. Carlos Dorestant, a 22-year-old motorcycle driver, said he saw the man next to him shot, apparently by police, as protesters dismantled a barrier near the U.N. office.

"We are asking everyone in charge to tell Jovenel to resign," he said, his shirt stained with blood. "The people are suffering."

The unrest on Friday came after almost four weeks of protests in which 17 people have been reported killed, the economy has been largely paralyzed, 2 million children have been kept from going to school and badly needed aid has been suspended, especially to rural areas. The U.S., United Nations and other important international players have yet to drop their support for Moïse, making it appear unlikely that he will step down, despite protests that have made gasoline, food and water scarce in some areas.

"We will continue until Jovenel leaves office," said Sen. Sorel Jacinthe, who was once the president's ally but joined the opposition earlier this year.

The opposition has rejected Moïse's call for dialogue and created a nine-person commission it says would oversee an orderly transition of power, with many demanding a more in-depth investigation into corruption allegations which involve the use of funds from a Venezuela-subsidized oil program. Critics say Moïse has not looked into the former top government officials ac-

cused, including ally and former President Michel Martelly.

To protest against the alleged corruption and a shortage of basic goods, Haitians have taken to the streets in force.

Opposition leader and attorney André Michel said the international community should recognize the protesters' demands and blamed Moïse for the country's economic and social problems.

"He has plunged the country into chaos," he said.

Moïse's ally, former Prime Minister Evans Paul, also met earlier this week with the Core Group, which includes officials from the United Nations, U.S., Canada and France to talk about the political situation. He has said that he believes Moïse has two options: nominate an opposition-backed prime minister or shorten the length of his mandate. Moïse, who owned a company named in the investigation, has denied all corruption allegations. He urges dialogue and says he will not resign.

Laurent Dubois, a Haiti expert and Duke University professor, said there is no clear answer on what might happen next as the turmoil continues.

"The thing that haunts all of this is ... is this going to lead to the emergence of more authoritarian rule?" he said.

Earlier Friday, police fired tear gas at thousands gathered under a bridge to urge the international community to withdraw support for the president. Some demonstrators were carrying guns, machetes or knives.

A police commander could be heard ordering officers to take up their positions.

"It's become more than a protest!" he yelled. At various locations, water cannon trucks were on hand.

Getta Julien, 47, said she had enough of the protests and the president as she stabilized portions of rice, beans and vegetables she had packed into foam containers. "He has to go," she said. "He's doing nothing for the country. Nothing at all." □



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Celebrate The Pink Cause

This Saturday Sip & Spa edition will be a very special one, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The theme is 'Celebrate The Pink Cause', and with your participation in this event you will support Mary Joan Foundation, a local organization that provides support and awareness. October is breast cancer awareness month and with this event The Ritz-Carl-



ton Spa, Aruba supports the foundation. Upon arrival, the guests will receive a passport where they will find the details of their Sip & Spa Journey that includes workshops, spa experience, mixology and gastronomy tastings. During this event you will have experience KNESKO Skin precious gemstone rose quartz mask and learn more about this popular skincare line that uses the healing properties of gemstone and transformed it into GEMCLINICAL™ technology. This is truly an experience you do not want to miss out on. Tickets

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Honoring of Loyal Visitors at the Marriott Ocean Club

PALM BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The symbolic Goodwill Ambassador certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were **Ray and Jennifer Wilson** from USA. Unfortunately, Mrs. Wilson was not able to be present for the ceremony because she was feeling a bit under the weather. BUT! These wonderful people still stated why they love Aruba so much. Just to mention a few, they love the island, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, delicious variety of foods, its safety, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of The Marriott Ocean Club presented the certificate to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □



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Honoring of Loyal visitors at Divi Village Resort



EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Marouska Heyliger honored Allan and Marilyn Smolinsky from New York with their Distinguished Visitors certificate in the name of the Aruba Tourism Authority.

The event which commemorates their 15th consecutive visit to the island was held at the Divi Village resort. The Smolinsky's love coming to the island for the local culture, excellent service and great weather. Heyliger together with representatives of Divi Village Resort thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □

Kinky Boots Broadway Musical at the Caribbean Cinemas VIP



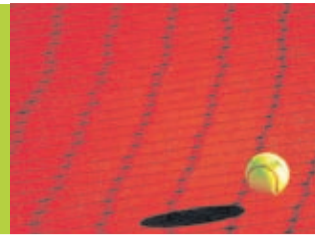
PALM BEACH — Winner of every major Best Musical award on Broadway and in the West End, Kinky Boots is the hottest show in town! Inspired by true events, this huge-hearted hit tells the story of two people with nothing in common – or so they think.

Charlie (played by Olivier Award nominee Killian Donnelly) is a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola (played by Matt Henry, who won an Olivier Award for the role) is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. With a little compassion and

a lot of understanding, this unexpected pair learn to embrace their differences and create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen! But in the end, their most sensational achievement is their friendship.

The show is recommended for audiences aged 8 and over. Parental discretion is advised due to mild adult content. The show will take place on Sunday October 6th from 1:00PM-3:30PM at Caribbean Cinemas VIP at Paseo Herencia. For more information check out the Facebook page Caribbean Cinemas Aruba. □

SPORTS



Chicago Bears' outside linebacker Khalil Mack, 52, takes part in an NFL training session at the Allianz Park stadium in London, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019. Chicago Bears' outside linebacker Khalil Mack, 52, takes part in an NFL training session at the Allianz Park stadium in London, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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Bears join Raiders in London 2 days before game

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

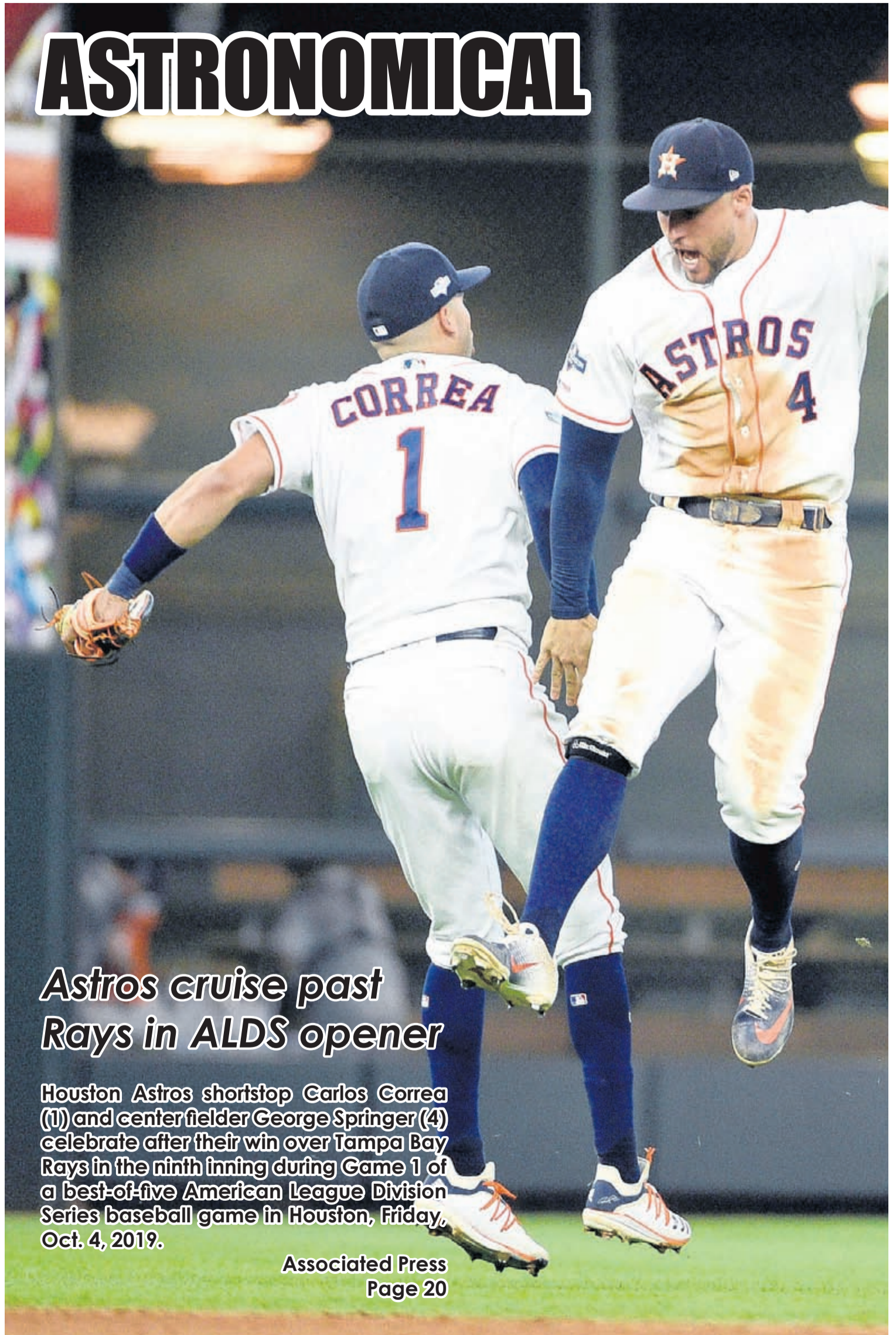
LONDON (AP) — The Oakland Raiders and Chicago Bears are taking vastly different approaches to their trip to London.

The Raiders spent the entire week here after flying straight from Indianapolis following last week's game. They held three practices just like they would back home, got some opportunities to take in some sights, like a soccer game, and did plenty of bonding while acclimating to a new time zone and environment.

"It's been wonderful," Raiders coach Jon Gruden said Friday. "We've had a great acclimation here to the time zone. The hotel setup is great, the practice field is sensational and we're not going to have any negative impact on our performance because of the time zone. We'll be ready to go."

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ASTRONOMICAL



Astros cruise past Rays in ALDS opener

Houston Astros shortstop Carlos Correa (1) and center fielder George Springer (4) celebrate after their win over Tampa Bay Rays in the ninth inning during Game 1 of a best-of-five American League Division Series baseball game in Houston, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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A world record, and a win for the home team

By **EDDIE PELLIS**

AP National Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — The message American hurdler Dalilah Muhammad kept telling herself when her career was running into roadblocks: Why not me?

The message Qatari high jumper Mutaz Essa Barshim kept receiving from an adoring home crowd yearning to celebrate a champion: We love you!

On a thrill-filled night at the track and field championships Friday, Muhammad answered her own question — again — by setting her second world record in 10 weeks, while Barshim loved everyone back by becoming a back-to-back world champion, winning this one on home turf.

"I've won a lot of gold medals, but this one is home," Barshim said. "It feels different. I just felt love."

The late-blooming, 29-year-old Muhammad smoothed her way through the 400-meter hurdles in 52.16 to break, by .04 seconds, the world record she had set at U.S. national championships in July.

Both she and Barshim — they call him "The Qatari Falcon" — will head into the Tokyo Games next year as defending Olympic and reigning world champions. Muhammad will almost certainly go in as the world record holder, too.

"I didn't even know who



Dalilah Muhammad, of the United States wins the gold medal in the women's 400 meter hurdles final at the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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won the race," Muhammad said. "I was looking to see who won, and then I noticed, when they said 'world record,' that I had broken it."

Simply winning the race has become more difficult because of the rapid rise of Sydney McLaughlin, the 20-year-old phenom who juggles, rides a unicycle and seems destined to win one gold one day.

McLaughlin also finished second to Muhammad at

nationals — but that one was by .68 seconds. This one was by .07, and her time of 52.23 would have been the world record had she run it 10 weeks ago.

"We came into this season knowing who the main opponent was going to be," said McLaughlin's coach, Olympic gold medalist Joanna Hayes. "It's not a surprise. Dalilah has experience over Syd, so all I wanted her to do was get some experience. And run her

best. And she's surpassed that." How close did Muhammad come to missing out on this? Shortly after graduating from Southern California in 2012, she went to Olympic trials and completely flopped. Out in the first round, she had neither a spot at the London Games nor a sponsor.

Things changed: She won nationals in 2013, then a silver medal at worlds. Then they changed again: She faltered in 2015 and watched those world championships from home. "I had an epiphany one day, 'Why not me?'" Muhammad said.

Muhammad barely broke stride in clearing the 10 hurdles. It was, she said, much closer to the perfect race that she decidedly did not think she had run at national championships in the rain, in Des Moines, Iowa.

And yet, this race still came down to a lean at the line. "Next year's going to be amazing," Hayes said.

Close as the race was, though, the men's steeplechase was even closer.

Conseslus Kipruto and Lamecha Grima rambled over barriers and through the water over 3,000 meters, and as they approached the finish, there was nothing separating them. With fans in the jam-packed crowd screaming, they sprawled as they reached the line. A photo

finish showed Kipruto had crossed in 8 minutes, 1.35 seconds. That was one-hundredth of a second faster than Grima.

"I was praying, 'Let me be faster than him,'" Kipruto said. "I waited. I prayed. I saw the screen and saw it said 'Conseslus.' It was my name. I was definitely happy."

In the men's 400 meters, Steven Gardiner of the Bahamas won gold over Anthony Zambrano of Colombia and American Fred Kerley. Finishing 1-2 in the discus were Cubans Yaime Perez and Denia Caballero, who ran to the stands to share hugs with their small group of fans.

But no win brought more joy throughout the stadium than Barshim's.

He brought the fans out of their seats every time he cleared a height, and not long after it was over, he was sharing a hug with the ruling emir of his country, talking about how Qatar's first gold medal of these championships was won.

Much has been made about the heat and poor attendance, the efficacy of air-conditioned stadiums and the legitimacy of the bid process that brought not only these championships, but the 2022 World Cup, to a country that's striving to raise its profile beyond that of a mere oil supplier. □

Shields-Habazin called off after altercation at weigh-in

By **NOAH TRISTER**

AP Sports Writer

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Claressa Shields' long-awaited fight in her hometown has been called off after her opponent's trainer was injured in an altercation before the weigh-in.

Shields was supposed to fight Ivana Habazin of Croatia on Saturday night, but that bout was called off after Habazin's trainer was hospitalized after Friday's incident. Salita Promotions said the remainder of the event would go on as scheduled, and Showtime would televise a two-fight card.

It was supposed to be Shields' first pro fight in her hometown of Flint.

The two-time Olympic champion has won titles at the super middleweight level, and she unified the middleweight belts with a victory over previously unbeaten Christina Hammer in April. She took this fight at 154 pounds, trying to become a three-division champion.

"I had to lose a lot of weight for this fight, because I cleaned out the division at 160," Shields said earlier this week. "Every time I clean out the division, somebody else trying to tell me I'm not

the greatest woman of all-time, and I love when they say that because, I want you to come show me I'm not the greatest woman of all-time."

Habazin (20-3) was supposed to make her U.S. debut, but now that won't be happening this weekend.

The Shields-Habazin fight was initially scheduled for Aug. 17, but it had to be postponed because of an injury to Shields.

The Showtime telecast is still set to include heavyweight Jermaine Franklin (19-0) of Saginaw, Michigan, against Pavel Sour (11-1) of the Czech Republic; and wel-



Claressa Shields spars with trainer John David Jackson during a training session, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, in Detroit.

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terweight Jaron Ennis (23-0) of Philadelphia against

Demian Daniel Fernandez (12-1) of Argentina. □

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Verlander, Altuve lead Astros over Rays 6-2 in ALDS opener

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander looked every bit the October ace, Jose Altuve polished his postseason resume and the Houston Astros kept rolling, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 6-2 Friday to open their AL Division Series.

The Astros, who won a franchise-record 107 games for the best record in the majors, began their quest for a second World Series title in three years against a Rays team that downed Oakland 5-1 in the wild-card game this week.

Verlander kept up his dominant run this year when he posted an MLB-most 21 wins, allowing just a soft single in seven shutout innings. He struck out eight and improved to 8-0 in 12 career ALDS appearances.

Tampa Bay got its only hit off Verlander when Brandon Lowe singled to start the fifth. Verlander ended his day by striking out the side in the seventh, pounding his fist into his glove as he walked off the mound after fanning Lowe.

Rays starter Tyler Glasnow had given up just three singles when he walked Josh Reddick on four pitches to begin the fifth. He struck out George Springer, but Altuve then tagged him for a two-run homer, lining a fastball into the left field seats.

The sellout crowd of 43,360, which included Astros Hall of Famers Nolan Ryan and Craig Biggio, erupted into deafening cheers and fans twirled bright orange towels as Altuve trotted around

the bases, a huge grin plastered on his face.

to Michael Brantley before Alex Bregman knocked

Bregman walked and stole second base. AL Rookie of

netted Meadows, looked strong early and Houston's powerful offense had trouble stringing anything together off him until Altuve's shot. The Astros loaded the bases with two outs in the third, but the big right-hander struck out Alvarez to end the threat.

The 26-year-old Glasnow, who was making his playoff debut had missed almost four months with a strained right forearm before his return on Sept. 8, seemed to run out of gas in the fifth. He allowed four hits and two runs with five strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings.

Yandy Díaz, who starred with two homers and three hits in the wild-card game, was 0 for 4 with a strikeout.

UP NEXT

Cole is a Cy Young award contender after setting a team record by winning his last 16 decisions and topping the AL with a career-best 2.50 ERA. His career-high 326 strikeouts were the most in the majors and set a franchise record that had stood since 1979 when J.R. Richard fanned 313.

Snell, who won the Cy Young in 2018, is happy to be healthy for the postseason after sitting out from July 22-Sept. 17 after arthroscopic surgery to remove bone chips in his left elbow. Snell didn't get out of the third inning in any of his three September starts, but believes he'll be able to go quite a bit longer on Saturday.

"I feel very good," he said. "I feel like I'll be able to go five strong innings, if I'm in the zone and attacking like I should be." □



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander (35) delivers a pitch against the Tampa Bay Rays in the first inning during Game 1 of a best-of-five American League Division Series baseball game in Houston, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

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Altuve has homered in Game 1 of the ALDS for three straight years, and the small-but-powerful second baseman now has nine home runs in 33 career postseason games.

Game 2 is Saturday when Gerrit Cole, who has won 16 straight decisions and led the majors in strikeouts, starts against Tampa Bay's Blake Snell.

Altuve's homer touched off a four-run inning. Brendan McKay took over for Glasnow and allowed a single

one off the wall in left for a double.

Chaz Roe relieved with two outs and Yuli Gurriel hit a high popup to shallow right field that Lowe chased from second base as right fielder Austin Meadows also dashed in. Lowe looked to have it, so Meadows pulled up — but the ball glanced off Lowe's glove for an error that allowed two runs to score to push the lead to 4-0.

The Astros added two more runs in the seventh after

the Year candidate Yordan Alvarez and Gurriel followed with RBI doubles to make it 6-0.

Tampa Bay hit four home runs in its wild-card win Wednesday at Oakland, but did nothing until Verlander left. Pinch-hitter Eric Sogard had an RBI single of Ryan Pressly with two outs in the eighth and scored on a double by Meadows to cut the lead to 6-2.

Glasnow, who came to the Rays in last year's trade for Chris Archer that also

Foltynewicz, Duvall lead Braves to 3-0 win over Cardinals



St. Louis Cardinals third baseman Matt Carpenter (13) hits against the Atlanta Braves in the eighth inning during Game 1 of a best-of-five National League Division Series, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, in Atlanta.

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Adding another chapter to his remarkable turnaround season, Mike Foltynewicz threw seven crisp innings before pinch-hitter Adam Duvall hit a two-run homer that carried the Atlanta Braves to a 3-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday, evening the NL Division Series at one game apiece. Foltynewicz, who spent a good chunk of his summer in Triple-A after a miserable start, has been a different pitcher since returning from the minors. He went 6-1 with a 2.65 ERA over his last 10 starts — a dominating run that carried right into the postseason.

The best-of-five series now

shifts to St. Louis, where Mike Soroka gets the ball for the Braves in Game 3 on Sunday against Adam Wainwright.

Going against St. Louis ace Jack Flaherty, who had one of the great second halves in baseball history, Foltynewicz allowed only three hits, didn't walk anyone and struck out seven during an 83-pitch outing that kept the Cardinals from mounting any semblance of offense. They only got one runner as far as second base against him — and that was in the second when Yadier Molina singled and Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies extended the inning by misplaying Paul DeJong's grounder for an error.

No problem for Foltynewicz. He fanned Harrison Bader to end the threat.

After Kolten Wong hit into a double play to end the seventh, Duvall emerged from the dugout to hit for Foltynewicz in the bottom half. With a runner aboard and two outs, Duvall was greeted by a smattering of boos from the SunTrust Park crowd that clearly wanted Foltynewicz to go at least one more inning — especially after the Braves bullpen imploded the night before in a Game 1 loss.

The heckles turned to cheers when Duvall drove a 3-2 pitch from Flaherty into the center-field seats, giving the Braves a bit of breathing room. Duvall spent nearly the entire sea-

son at Triple-A, where he set a franchise record with 32 homers, so it wouldn't be a stretch to say this as much a victory for the Gwinnett Stripers as the Braves.

Max Fried, normally a starter and pitching on back-to-back days for the first time all season, breezed through the eighth before turning it over to Mark Melancon, who gave up four runs in the ninth inning of the series opener, sending the Braves to a 7-6 loss.

It was another shaky outing for Melancon, who gave up a pair of one-out singles before striking out Molina and Wong to earn the save.

But this one will be remembered for Foltynewicz out-dueling Flaherty, who had surrendered three runs only one time in 15 second-half starts. The 23-year-old right-hander went 7-2 with an 0.91 ERA in 15 starts after the All-Star break, the third-lowest ERA over the second half in baseball history, surpassed only by Jake Arrieta (0.75) for the 2015 Chicago Cubs and Greg Maddux (0.87) for the 1994 Braves. Flaherty was the NL pitcher of the month for both August and September. Foltynewicz has the edge for October honors, having pulled off his own tale of two seasons. An All-Star in 2018 who started two games for the Braves in last year's playoffs, he was demoted to the minors in late June with a record of 2-5 and a 6.37 ERA.

Now, in a game the Braves

absolutely had to have, he turned in his best performance of all.

The only time he was really threatened was in the fourth, when Wong hit one to warning track in right with a man aboard for the third out.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Braves: RHP Chris Martin was replaced on the 25-man roster after straining his left oblique on his very first warmup pitch while preparing to pitch in the eighth inning of Game 1. That means Martin will miss the rest of this series, as well as the NL Championship Series should the Braves advance. He would be eligible to return for the World Series.

Martin was replaced by 10-game winner Julio Teheran.

UP NEXT

The Braves haven't led in a postseason series since the 2002 NLDS against San Francisco. They had a 2-1 lead, but lost the final two games to Barry Bonds and the Giants — part of a streak of nine straight playoff losses that was only one away from the Chicago Cubs' record for postseason futility. Soroka (13-4, 2.68 ERA) has been especially tough on the road (7-1, 1.55 ERA), which is why the Braves held him back until Game 3. The 22-year-old right-hander will be going against the 38-year-old Wainwright (14-10, 4.29 ERA), a Georgia native who began his career in the Braves organization before being traded to the Cardinals in 2003. □

Cubs plan to interview David Ross, Joe Girardi next week

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Chicago Cubs catchers Joe Girardi and David Ross will speak with the team next week about its managerial opening.

The team also plans to interview first base coach Will Venable next week. Bench coach Mark Loretta interviewed for the job Thursday.

The Cubs are searching for a successor to Joe Maddon, whose con-

tract expired after Chicago missed the playoffs this year for the first time since 2014. Girardi is the first external candidate confirmed by the team. Loretta and Venable were part of Maddon's staff this season, and Ross works in the Cubs' front office.

Girardi, who turns 55 on Oct. 14, is a Peoria, Illinois, native and played college ball at Northwestern.

Girardi was voted NL Man-

ager of the Year after he guided the Marlins to a 78-84 record in 2006 in his only season with the team. He also managed the New York Yankees for 10 seasons, winning the World Series in 2009. He was fired after New York went 91-71 in 2017.

Girardi also played in the majors for 15 years, batting .267 with 36 homers and 422 RBIs. He was selected by Chicago in the fifth



In this July 24, 2016, file photo, Chicago Cubs' David Ross throws out a Milwaukee Brewers batter during a baseball game in Milwaukee.

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round of the 1986 draft and made his big league debut with the Cubs in 1989. □



Wilson throws 4 TD passes, Seahawks hold off Rams 30-29

By **TIM BOOTH**
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — For all the other times when Seattle's Russell Wilson was the best player on the field and made highlight plays, this was different.

It could have been the stage of prime time or facing a division nemesis in the Rams. Or the circumstances of building an early lead, losing it and then rallying once more in the fourth quarter.

Whatever the reason, Seattle received a performance from Wilson that'll be hard to top.

"It was one of the best, I think," Wilson said.

Wilson's 5-yard touchdown pass to Chris Carson on fourth-and-goal with 2:28 gave Seattle the lead, and the Seahawks held on for a 30-29 win over the Rams on Thursday night when Greg Zuerlein's 44-yard field goal with 11 seconds left missed wide right.

Seattle earned a needed win against its NFC West foe after losing six of the past eight to the Rams. And while there were contributions from plenty of others, Wilson orchestrated a memorable night.

Whether it was his throws from the pocket or when he was forced to improvise, Wilson was at his best. It was one stunning play after another from Seattle's star, continuing the best start to a season in his career.

Even his opponents were left in awe.

"Russell Wilson is playing out of his mind right now," Rams safety Eric Weddle said.

Wilson was 17 of 23 for 268 and four touchdowns, and rushed for another 32 yards. He had touchdown passes of 13 yards to Tyler Lockett and 40 yards to DK Metcalf in the first half.



Seattle Seahawks running back Chris Carson bobbles but brings down a 5-yard touchdown reception during the fourth quarter against the Los Angeles Rams in an NFL football game in Seattle on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019. The Seahawks won 30-29.

He threw a 10-yarder to David Moore in the third quarter and he had a final answer after the Rams' had taken a 29-24 lead.

Wilson led Seattle 60 yards in 12 plays, helped during the drive by a roughing-the-passer call on Clay Matthews.

After stalling inside the 10, Seattle faced fourth down at the 5. Wilson scrambled as he had all night, buying enough time to find Carson open in the corner of the end zone.

The running back scared nearly all of the 69,000 in attendance by juggling the pass before gaining control. Carson said he lost the pass in the stadium lights, which led to the juggle.

"I thought Russell played one of the best games I've ever seen him play," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. Seattle appeared to wrap up the victory when Tedric Thompson made a juggling interception of Jared Goff's pass while lying on the turf with 2:08 left.

But the Rams forced Seattle to punt and took possession at their own 7 with 1:38 left.

In just seven plays, Goff had the Rams to the Seattle 30 after a 28-yard strike to Gerald Everett.

The Rams stalled and a 9-yard pass to Everett on third-down set up Zuerlein's attempt.

The snap was good, but the kick stayed just to the right. Zuerlein had hit three field goals earlier in the game.

"It's one kick. He's made a lot of big kicks for us. He's going to continue to make a lot of big kicks for us," Rams coach Sean McVay said.

Goff finished 29 of 49 for 395 yards and one touchdown just days after throwing for a career-high 517 yards and tying an NFL record with 45 completions in a loss to Tampa Bay. Everett had seven catches for 136 yards, and Cooper Kupp had nine grabs for 118 yards and a TD.

"We had some things that

didn't go our way where we didn't finish drives but we were moving the ball really well," Goff said.

Carson finished with 118 yards rushing on 27 carries. The touchdown was his only reception.

"Everyone kept their composure.

Everyone was so poised and stayed in the moment," Seattle offensive lineman Duane Brown said.

"We were always very optimistic and had all the faith in the world and big time players stepped up for us."

LOCKETT'S CATCH
Lockett's toe-tapping TD catch in the first quarter was as improbable as it gets.

According to NFL statistics, the catch had a 6.3% catch probability, the most improbable completion of the past two seasons.

"It doesn't get any more on time or on the money with his footwork there," Wilson said.

GURLEY'S MISTAKE
Todd Gurley was a featured

part of the Rams' offense early and finished with 51 yards on 15 carries, but the run game vanished during most of the second half.

"I thought he had some really good, hard-earned yards against a really good defensive front," McVay said.

Gurley also fumbled for the first time since Week 3 of last season.

The fumble was ripped out by Jadeveon Clowney, who also recovered the ball. It was Gurley's first fumble in 338 offensive touches. He had gained 1,915 yards from scrimmage and 20 touchdowns between his two fumbles.

KEY CATCH

Brandin Cooks had just one reception but it was a big one. Cooks pulled in a 29-yard catch from Goff on third-and-8 from the Rams 27 early in the fourth quarter as he was being covered tightly by Shaquill Griffin.

Cooks was being evaluated for a concussion after the play and did not return. Carroll challenged there should have been offensive pass interference, but the call on the field stood. The catch led to Zuerlein's field goal that gave the Rams a 29-24 lead.

INJURIES

D.J. Fluker suffered a hamstring injury in the first quarter.

He was replaced at right guard by Jamarco Jones, who typically is a backup tackle, but was forced to play guard with normal backup Ethan Pocic out because of a back injury.

UP NEXT:

Rams: Los Angeles stays in the NFC West, hosting San Francisco on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Seahawks: Seattle is at Cleveland on Sunday, Oct. 13. □

Sabres beat Penguins 3-1 in opener for both teams

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Conor Sheary scored twice against his old team and Carter Hutton stopped 26 shots in the Buffalo Sabres' 3-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night in the opener for both teams. Rasmus Dahlin also scored to help Buffalo give Ralph Krueger a victory in his Sabres coaching debut. Buffalo beat Pittsburgh in regulation for the first time since April 23, 2013. Krueger last coached in the NHL in 2012-13 when the Edmonton Oilers had 19 wins during a shortened 48-game regular season. Buffalo went 33-39-10 under Phil Housley last season.

Sheary, who played on two Stanley Cup champion teams with the Penguins, has four goals and six points in four games against his former club. Evgeni Malkin scored on the power play for Pittsburgh. Matt Murray made 38 saves.

BRUINS 2, STARS 1

DALLAS (AP) — Brett Ritchie scored on his first shift against his former team barely a minute into the game and Boston beat Dallas to open defense of its Eastern Conference title. Danton Heinen had a power-play goal in the first period, and Tuukka Rask made 28 saves in a meeting of teams that lost Game 7s in the playoffs to Stanley Cup champion St. Louis last season — the Stars in double



Buffalo Sabres' Zemgus Girgensons (28) collides with Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Matt Murray (30) during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019.

Associated Press

overtime in the second round and the Bruins in the Cup finals.

Roope Hintz scored for Dallas. Ben Bishop gave up goals on the first two Boston shots before saving the final 18.

LIGHTNING 5, PANTHERS 2

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Reigning NHL MVP Nikita Kucherov had a goal and an assist, Kevin Shattenkirk and Pat Maroon scored in their Tampa Bay debuts, and the Lightning opened the season with a victory over Florida.

Ondrej Palat snapped a 2-2 tie with a power-play goal midway through the third period. Maroon, who

helped St. Louis win its first Stanley Cup last season, made it 4-2 before Erik Cernak added an empty-netter. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 35 shots to help Tampa Bay extend its winning streak in season openers to an NHL-best six. Mike Hoffman and Vincent Trocheck scored for Florida, and Sergei Bobrovsky made 25 saves in his debut for the Panthers.

HURRICANES 4, CANADIENS 3, SO

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Dougie Hamilton scored in the shootout, Petr Mrazek stopped three shots in the tiebreaker and Carolina beat Montreal in the

teams' opener.

Erik Haula, making his debut with the Hurricanes, tied it at 3 with 13:05 left. Martin Necas also scored with the man advantage for a Carolina team that struggled in those situations during the postseason.

Lucas Wallmark also scored, Hamilton had two assists and Mrazek made 33 saves for the Hurricanes. Jordan Weal, Tomas Tatar and Jesperi Kotkaniemi each scored for Montreal during a three-goal second period that erased an early 2-0 deficit, with the goals by Tatar and Kotkaniemi coming 1:04 apart. Carey Price stopped 40 shots.

RANGERS 6, JETS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Howden broke a tie with 4:09 remaining and New York beat Winnipeg in a wild season opener.

Mika Zibanejad had a goal and three assists, Jacob Trouba added a goal and two assists, and Artemi Panarin had a goal and an assist for New York. Marc Staal also scored, and Henrik Lundqvist — making his 14th consecutive opening-day start — stopped 43 shots.

The Jets went on their fifth power play with 1:37 left, and were skating with a 6-on-4 advantage when Brendan Smith scored into the empty net with 17 seconds remaining.

Blake Wheeler had two goals, Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor also scored, and Connor Hellebuyck made 26 saves.

PREDATORS 5, WILD 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Forsberg each had a goal and an assist and Nashville rallied with four third-period goals to beat Minnesota in the opener for both teams. Mikael Granlund, Austin Watson and Viktor Arvidsson also scored goals for the Predators, and Pekka Rinne stopped 22 shots. Matt Duchene, who signed a seven-year deal with Nashville as a free agent, had three assists. Jason Zucker and Matt Dumba scored for Minnesota, and Devan Dubnyk made 27 saves. □

Bears join Raiders

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Gruden opted for this approach after choosing to spend most of the week back home in the Bay Area last year before arriving on Friday and losing 27-3 to Seattle in London.

For the Bears, the game on Sunday is like a business trip. They arrived from Chicago on Friday morning, held a practice at a rugby field in the afternoon and then tried to rest up before playing their game. Coach Matt Nagy opted for that approach after having done it the same as an assistant for Kansas City in

2015 when the Chiefs beat the Lions 45-10.

"It wasn't too bad," receiver Allen Robinson said. "Once you got out there and got the blood going a little bit, it wasn't too bad. I thought we had a really crisp practice today, not just for getting off the plane but in general. We looked sharp today. I don't envision any jet lag on Sunday." Not that an early arrival guarantees any success. The Raiders went straight to London from the East Coast in 2014, getting a full practice week here and time to acclimate. They ended up losing 38-14 to Miami and



Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden attends a press conference during the media day at The Grove Hotel, Watford, England, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

Associated Press

coach Dennis Allen was fired soon after they arrived home. But they still decided spending more time would be the better approach this year.

"Certainly, we thought it would be an advantage for us," said offensive coordinator Greg Olson, who is coaching his eighth game in London. "We had a chance to come last year,

we came over on a Thursday and we just didn't feel like our players were rested enough, so we decided to make a change this year in the schedule and that's the reason why we decided to come Sunday, but I feel like right now our players had a good practice.

They were full of energy, they looked rested, so we're counting on the fact that we came here Sunday to give us a little bit of an advantage."

The extra time allowed some of the players to check out Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Tuesday for a Champions League game against Bayern Munich. □



Dominic Thiem of Austria hits a return shot while competing against Andy Murray of Britain in their quarterfinal match in the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

Associated Press

Andy Murray loses to Dominic Thiem at China Open

BEIJING (AP) — Andy Murray's run at the China Open is over. The former No. 1, who had won consecutive singles matches for the first time since undergoing hip surgery in January, lost to top-seeded Dominic Thiem 6-2, 7-6 (3) Friday in the quarterfinals.

Thiem broke the 32-year-old Murray in the first game of the match, but the British player made things more difficult in the second set, testing his younger opponent's nerve in finishing out the match. Also, Karen Khachanov of Russia beat Italy's Fabio Fognini 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, Alexander Zverev downed Sam Querrey, 7 (7)-6 (3), 6-2, and Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece beat American John Isner 7-6 (3), 6-3. Top-seeded Ash Barty reached the semifinals in the women's draw

by beating Petra Kvitova 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"From my opinion, that was one of the highest quality matches I played all year," said Barty, the French Open champion. "Petra always has a way of bringing out the best in me, she really does." Barty converted three of her six break points while Kvitova, a two-time Wimbledon champion, was two for seven.

In Saturday's semifinals, Barty will face eighth-seeded Kiki Bertens, who defeated Elina Svitolina 7-6 (6), 6-2. "I think this week I played some better tennis again," said Bertens, who amassed 36 winners to Svitolina's 16. "I think then with some pressure and playing better all the time, it's good for me. It says for myself that I was growing a lot over the last few years." □

Gymnastics body says risk affected Biles dismount grading



Simone Biles of the U.S. attends a news conference prior to the Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, Monday, Oct. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — The International Gymnastics Federation says risk played a role in how it graded Simone Biles' new beam dismount, a deci-

sion which has frustrated the U.S. gymnast. Biles first landed her double-double dismount — two flips and two twists — at the U.S. nationals in August. If she can land it at the world championships, it will bear her name in the sport's Code of Points. Biles has expressed frustration that the dismount was given an "H" difficulty value. That's one value higher than any other women's beam element in the Code, but some observers argued the extra difficulty was enough to deserve an even higher rating. □



In this July 28, 2019, file photo, United States' Lilly King starts in the women's 50m breaststroke final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.

Associated Press

New International Swimming League debuts with cash prizes

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

The International Swimming League debuts this weekend, with some of the sport's biggest names competing for cash prizes in a team format that culminates in a splashy finale in Las Vegas.

Four of the league's eight teams will swim on Saturday and Sunday in Indianapolis, the first of six meets in the U.S. and Europe leading to the season finale in December.

Americans Katie Ledecky, Caeleb Dressel and Natalie Coughlin, along with Sweden's Sarah Sjöström, Chad le Clos of South Africa, Ariarne Titmus of Australia, Italy's Federica Pellegrini and Laszlo Cseh of Hungary are among those on teams competing this weekend.

Unlike at the Olympics and world championships, there are no heats. Racing is spread over a two-hour session in a 25-meter pool featuring four swimmers per final. Swimmers will compete in the usual Olympic distances. Coaches can bring in reserves or make other lineup changes during two 10-minute breaks. Anyone swimming slower than listed times in an event can lose points.

American Lilly King wel-

comes a format that makes the sport more exciting and accessible to viewers and young swimmers. "If I was a little kid and I walked into a swim meet and saw a giant light show going on and only four swimmers I had to keep track of and a Jumbotron, I'd be like, 'That looks like the NBA, that looks like the NFL, that looks like professional sports,'" she said.

Swimmers will race for team points, with relays worth double. Skins sprints feature three heats, with eight swimmers reduced to four and then a head-to-head of the fastest two. Points earned in skins are worth triple.

The top four finishers in each race are eligible for prize money beyond what they receive from team revenue. The ISL has committed to a 50-50 split of revenue with the teams and swimmers, who receive base salaries as well. "Obviously, we want to see more money," King said. "You have some of the all-time greats in this room who aren't even making the starting salary of a Double-A MLB player. It's cool to see the money is going up for the people who deserve it."

Sjöström, the 26-year-old Swedish sprint star, be-

lieves the pay-for-play model is overdue in a sport that typically gets its biggest exposure only in Olympic years.

"I see like a much longer career in my swimming, so that's very exciting," she said.

Other ISL stops are in Italy, Texas, Hungary, Washington, D.C., and London. The top two teams from the U.S. and Europe after the six regular-season meets advance to the finals on Dec. 20-21.

The ISL has deals to show the meets on live television in Australia, Europe and Latin America, with livestreaming in the U.S. and Canada.

On Friday, FINA announced its rival Champions Swim Series will stage two meets in China in January, one less than it offered for the first time this year.

The sport's world governing body awards \$10,000 for first place, \$8,000 for second, \$6,000 for third and \$5,000 for fourth in four-swimmer finals. FINA also pays appearance fees to invited athletes, who have their travel, hotel and meals covered.

King is one of several swimmers who competed in the FINA series and is now swimming in the ISL. □

U.S. authorities seek access to Facebook encrypted messaging

By **ANICK JESDANUN**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. Attorney General William Barr and other U.S., U.K. and Australian officials are pressing Facebook to give authorities a way to read encrypted messages sent by ordinary users, re-igniting tensions between tech companies and law enforcement.

Facebook's WhatsApp already uses so-called end-to-end encryption, which locks up messages so that even Facebook can't read their contents. Facebook plans to extend that protection to Messenger and Instagram Direct.

But the officials will ask Facebook to hold off in an open letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg . A copy of the letter, dated Friday, was obtained by The Associated Press.

"Companies should not deliberately design their systems to preclude any form of access to content, even for preventing or investigating the most serious crimes," the officials wrote. The letter repeatedly emphasizes the dangers of child sexual exploitation to justify their stance.

Law enforcement has long sought a way to read encrypted messages that's analogous to wiretaps for phone calls. Security experts, however, say giving police such access



In this July 23, 2019 file photo U.S. Attorney General William Barr addresses the International Conference on Cyber Security at Fordham University in New York.

makes messaging insecure for everyone. Redesigning encryption to create "backdoors" for police also creates vulnerabilities that criminals or foreign spies can exploit, they say.

"Every couple of years, the FBI rears its ugly head and tells us they need to have access to end-to-end encrypted messaging," said Eva Galperin, director of cybersecurity at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital-rights advocacy group. "You cannot make a backdoor that only good guys can go through."

Facebook said Thursday that people have the right to have private conversations online and that companies are already able to respond to government agencies when they receive valid legal requests. "We strongly oppose government attempts to build backdoors because they would undermine the privacy and security of people everywhere," Facebook spokesman Joe Osborne said in a statement.

The letter marks yet another salvo in the Justice Department's continuing

effort to persuade technology companies to weaken or bypass encryption upon requests from law enforcement.

Former FBI Director James Comey championed the need for law enforcement to find a workaround for encrypted devices and communications. He led a highly publicized push to gain access to an iPhone belonging to one perpetrator of a terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14 people in 2015.

Apple resisted such efforts

and went to court to block an FBI demand for Apple to disable security measures that complicated efforts to guess the phone's passcode. While the FBI cast its request as a limited emergency measure, CEO Tim Cook argued that the technique could easily be used again, making iPhone users more vulnerable to spies and thieves. The FBI relented after it found another way of getting into the San Bernardino phone. Barr will make the request to Facebook in a letter with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan, U.K. Home Secretary Priti Patel and Australia Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton. BuzzFeed News reported on the letter earlier. The Justice Department calls the growing use of end-to-end encrypted communications the "going dark" problem, referencing the way encryption shields information that law enforcement could previously access easily.

Barr gave lengthy comments on what he described as a dangerous increase in device encryption at a cybersecurity conference this summer in New York. During his comments, Barr specifically detailed the use of WhatsApp group chat by a drug cartel to coordinate the murders of Mexico-based police officials. □



White House senior adviser Ivanka Trump, right, speaks with Google CEO Sundar Pichai at El Centro College in Dallas, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019.

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Google pledged Thursday to help train a quarter of a

million people for technology jobs, adding its name to a White House initiative designed to get private companies to expand

Google commits to White House job training initiative

training opportunities for Americans.

CEO Sundar Pichai announced the commitment during an appearance with White House senior adviser Ivanka Trump at El Centro community college in Dallas.

Ivanka Trump, President Donald Trump's daughter, oversees the administration's worker training efforts.

Google is also expanding a program it developed to prepare people for entry-level jobs in information

technology support in less than six months _ no college degree or prior experience required, Pichai said.

More than 85,000 students have enrolled in the course since its launch in January 2018.

Expanding the course and creating another pathway to the fast-growing, high-paying field of IT support is part of the tech giant's decision to join more than 350 U.S. companies and add its name to the Trump administration's " Pledge

to America's Workers ."

"Through this pledge, as Ivanka mentioned, we are committed to creating 250,000 new training opportunities for American workers over the next five years," Pichai said at a roundtable discussion with school administrators and students who have completed the IT support program.

"I cannot tell you how excited we are about this," added Ivanka Trump. "IT is such a critical industry to this nation." □

U.S. unemployment rate hits a 50-year low even as hiring slows

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.5% in September, the lowest level in nearly five decades, even though employers appeared to turn more cautious and slowed their hiring. The economy added a modest 136,000 jobs, enough to likely ease worries that an economy weakened by the U.S.-China trade war and tepid global growth might be edging toward a potential recession. The government on Friday also revised up its estimate of job growth in July and August by a combined 45,000.

Still, a drop-off in the pace of hiring compared with last year points to rising uncertainty among employers about the job market and the economy in the face of President Donald Trump's numerous trade conflicts. Pay growth has also weakened, reflecting the hesitance of employers to step up wages. "The September jobs report sent some conflicting signals, but the big picture remains one of a labor market — and an economy — whose growth is downshifting but not collapsing," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

The comparatively sluggish hiring data makes it likely that the Federal Reserve later this month will cut

rates for the third time this year to try to help sustain the expansion. At the same time, the drop in the unemployment rate from 3.7% may embolden some Fed officials who have resisted rate cuts. The U.S. economy is "in a good place," Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said Friday in remarks in Washington. "Our job is to keep it there as long as possible." Investors appeared pleased that the jobs report at least suggested that the economy remains resilient for now. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up nearly 300 points in afternoon trading.

Excluding government hiring, private-sector job gains over the past three months have slowed to an average of 119,000 a month, the weakest showing in seven years. And despite ultra-low unemployment, average wages slipped in September, the Labor Department said. Hourly pay rose just 2.9% from a year earlier, below the 3.4% year-over-year gain earlier this year. Julia Pollak, a labor economist at jobs marketplace ZipRecruiter, said the pay that employers are advertising has declined this year after rising sharply in 2018. And she noted that the number of part-time workers who would prefer full-time work has risen over the past two months. Those trends "show that



In this Sept. 17, 2019, photo job seekers line up to speak to recruiters during an Amazon job fair in Dallas. On Friday, Oct. 4, the U.S. government issues the September jobs report.

employers are increasingly risk-averse as global uncertainty and recession fears rise," Pollak said. Trump has imposed tariffs on a majority of Chinese imports and is threatening to impose taxes on the rest of them on Dec. 15, which would likely escalate prices for consumers and slow spending. Adding to global economic pressures, the United Kingdom is nearing an Oct. 31 deadline for a potentially chaotic exit from the European Union. And Germany appears on the brink of recession. Tom Lix, the CEO and founder of Cleveland Whiskey, which distills bourbon and rye whiskeys, said the

trade war has shut down markets that his company was developing in Europe and China. This has forced him to postpone hiring and a planned expansion. "We were going to build a new building, and add a restaurant and bar, which would have expanded our employment significantly," Lix said. He had also expected to add three distillers to his staff of 15. But that was before Europe and China imposed retaliatory tariffs on U.S. bourbon — after Trump had raised import taxes on their goods. Europe had accounted for about 15% of Lix's sales before the tariffs took effect. "All of our European con-

nections and all of our Chinese connections — we're not doing business with them right now," he said. The weakest sector of the U.S. economy — manufacturing, which is likely already in recession — cut 2,000 jobs in September. At the same time, retailers shed 11,400 jobs, and employment in mining and logging was unchanged. The big gains last month were in health care, which added 41,400 jobs, and professional and business services, which include such higher-paying areas as engineering and accounting but also lower-paying temp work. That sector added 34,000 positions. □

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PayPal drops out of Libra, Facebook's payments project

By KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — PayPal has pulled out of Facebook's digital currency project, known as Libra, a blow to the social media company that has faced stronger-than-expected scrutiny over its proposed creation of an alternative payments system. The digital payments company said Friday it is withdrawing from the Libra Association so it can focus on its existing businesses. "Facebook has been a

longstanding and valued strategic partner to PayPal, and we will continue to partner with and support Facebook in various capacities," PayPal said. Facebook has presented Libra as a currency that could be used for digital payments, particularly outside the U.S. It would be backed by real currency, unlike other digital currencies like Bitcoin or Ethereum. The Libra Association, based in Switzerland, was supposed to give the cur-

rency project a comfortable arm's length distance from Facebook, which wouldn't own Libra. Despite Facebook's efforts, financial regulators as well as members of Congress have questioned the company's motives for creating a new digital currency, particularly in light of criticisms that Facebook's business model is too invasive of its users' privacy. Rep. Maxine Waters, the chairwoman of the House Financial Services Com-



This Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011 file photo shows an exterior view of eBay/PayPal offices in San Jose, Calif.

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mittee, has demanded Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg testify in front of her committee before Libra is rolled out. Along

with privacy concerns, Waters' has cited the potential for Libra to be used in money laundering and other financial crimes. □

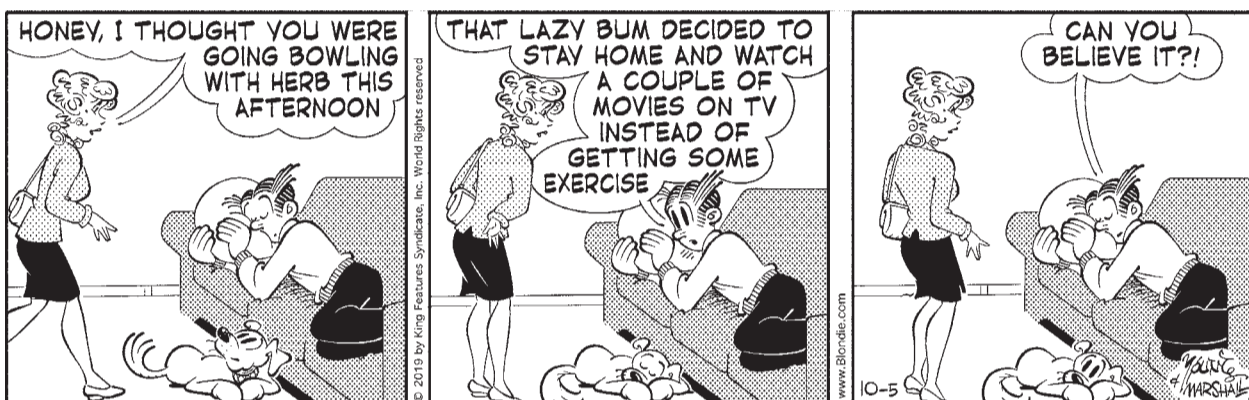
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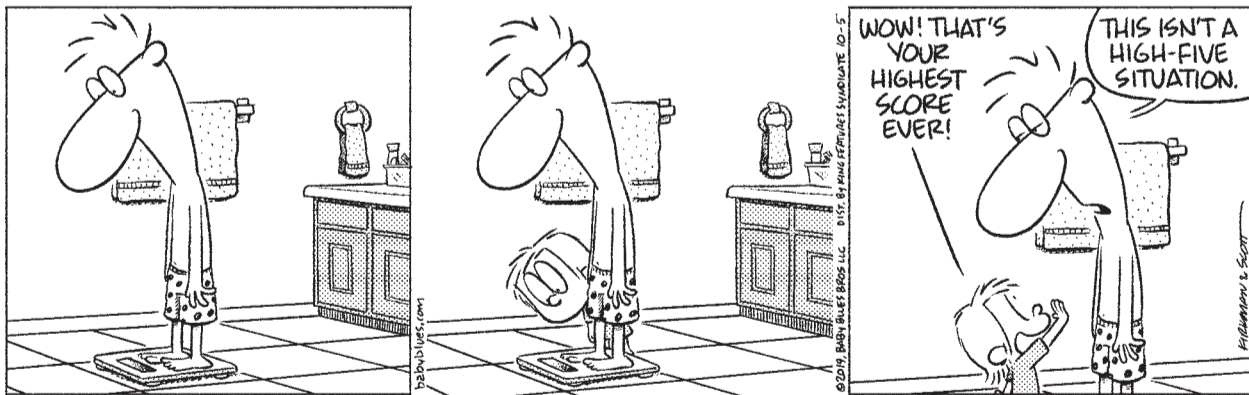
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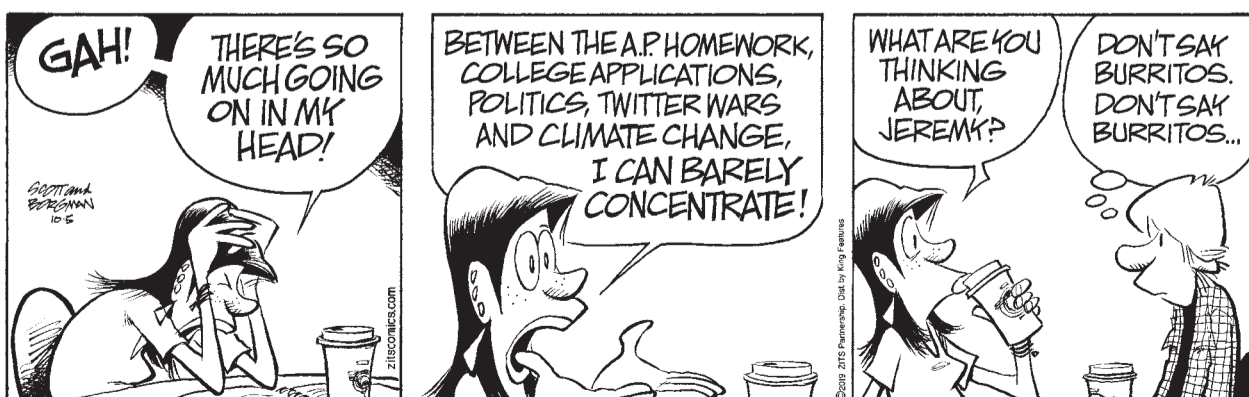
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 10/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

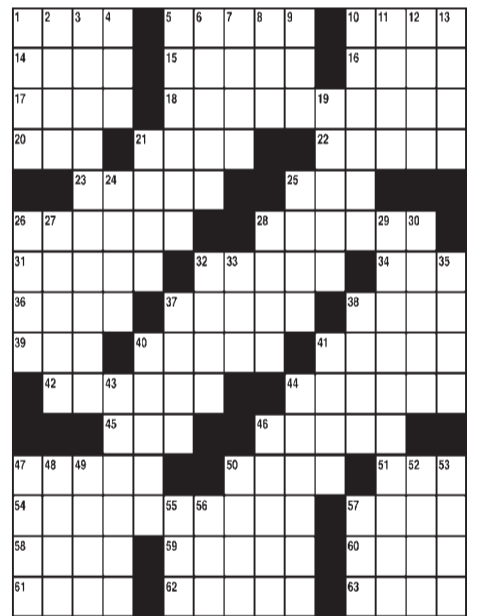
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ACROSS

- 1 Woodwind instrument
- 5 Actress Linda
- 10 Reach from end to end
- 14 Expand
- 15 "Goodnight, ___"
- 16 Bum
- 17 Golfer's aim
- 18 Rambunctious
- 20 Pen contents
- 21 No longer sick
- 22 In need of a bath
- 23 Took a __; fell down
- 25 Pass away
- 26 Thorny plants
- 28 Mamie's successor
- 31 Travis or Quaid
- 32 Characteristic
- 34 Computer, for many
- 36 Henhouse collection
- 37 Parakeet's lunch
- 38 Nimble
- 39 "___ Willie Winkie"
- 40 Oval, circle or square, e.g.
- 41 Secluded valleys
- 42 Dresser compartment
- 44 William ___ Randolph ___
- 45 Garden soil after a rainstorm
- 46 Backsides
- 47 Frequently
- 50 Forbids
- 51 Go out ___ limb
- 54 Sin
- 57 As strong as ___
- 58 Bookish fellow
- 59 Funeral hymn
- 60 Foal's mother
- 61 Notices
- 62 Firstborn of two
- 63 Poor box donation

DOWN

- 1 E's followers
- 2 Remove wrinkles
- 3 Pete Seeger or Woody Guthrie, e.g.
- 4 Ram's mate
- 12 Border on
- 13 Too curious
- 19 Royal decree
- 21 Lean & limber
- 24 Tablets of paper
- 25 Speaker's platform
- 26 Make tea
- 27 Became furious
- 28 Greenish stone
- 29 Too businesslike
- 30 Deserves
- 32 Eye secretion
- 33 House member's title: abbr.
- 35 Abnormal sac
- 37 Get rid of
- 38 Swat



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- 40 Swayed back and forth
- 41 Opals & emeralds
- 43 Makes right
- 44 ___ for; crave
- 46 Kitchen appliance
- 47 ___ up; confesses
- 48 On the house
- 49 Ripped
- 50 Robin or raven
- 52 Accepted standard
- 53 Chopping tools
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- 56 Lubricate
- 57 "I ___ Rock"; Simon & Garfunkel hit



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By KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — PayPal has pulled out of Facebook's digital currency project, known as Libra, a blow to the social media company that has faced stronger-than-expected scrutiny over its proposed creation of an alternative payments system. The digital payments company said Friday it is withdrawing from the Libra Association so it can focus on its existing businesses. "Facebook has been a longstanding and valued strategic partner to PayPal, and we will continue to partner with and support Facebook in various capacities," PayPal said. Facebook has presented Libra as a currency that could be used for digital payments, particularly outside the U.S. It would be backed by real currency, unlike other digital currencies like Bitcoin or Ethereum.

The Libra Association, based in Switzerland, was supposed to give the currency project a comfortable arm's length distance from Facebook, which wouldn't own Libra. Despite Facebook's efforts, financial regulators as well as members of Congress have questioned the company's motives for creating a new digital currency, particularly in light of criticisms that Facebook's business model is too invasive of its users' privacy. Rep. Maxine Waters, the chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, has demanded Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg testify in front of her committee before Libra is rolled out. Along with privacy concerns, Waters' has cited the potential for Libra to be used in money laundering and other financial crimes. □

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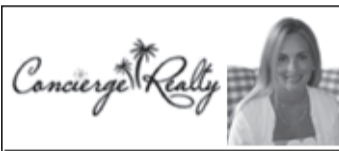
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Soaring eagle films crumbling Alpine glaciers as Earth warms

By **CLAIRE PARKER** and **JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The images will be stunningly beautiful yet also hint of dire future consequences. Filmed with a camera mounted between his majestic wings, they'll show how a white-tailed eagle named Victor sees the world as he flies over the Alps and capture its once-magnificent glaciers now crumbling because of global warming. Their wasting away is unlikely to be a pretty sight. And that's the whole point. Victor will embark upon five flights this week over the Alps. Organizers hope his spectacular eagle's-view footage will help jolt the world out of climate-change apathy and toward swifter action to combat its effects.

His handler hopes that seeing the world as an eagle sees it will also convince viewers of the importance of protecting birds and their environments, especially after a devastating recent report chronicled their decline.

"Humanity has two dreams: to swim with dolphins and fly with eagles," French falconer and Freedom Conservation founder Jacques-Olivier Travers said. "This is



In this image made from video provided by Eagle Wings Foundation/Chopard, aerial footage shot by a camera attached to an eagle of a glacier in Western Europe.

the first time that we'll really ride on an eagle's back over such distances and such vistas, and see how he flies."

"How can you convince people to protect the birds and their environment if you never show them what the birds see?" he added. Weather permitting, the nine-year-old Victor will set off Thursday from the top of the Swiss mountain Piz Corvatsch with a 360-degree camera on his back and a GPS to track his progress. He'll fly through Germany, Austria and Italy before ending his mountain tour in France on Oct. 7.

A colleague will release Victor from the top of each peak. During each flight, the eagle will fly three to five kilometers (1.8 to 3.1 miles) — and descend 1,500 to 3,000 meters (5,000 to 9,800 feet) — in search of Travers below.

"I don't have a remote control. So if he doesn't see me and decides not to come to me, he could go anywhere," Travers said. That's why the flights are weather dependent. If Victor's vision is obscured by clouds, "he won't come," Travers said. "It's essential that he sees me."

Carrying a camera does

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slow Victor down. "It's a bit like putting a washing machine on the roof of your car. You don't go as fast and you use more energy," Travers said. "It's the same for him. He doesn't fly as fast with that on his back and it demands a greater effort from him."

But Victor's earlier flights over Paris and Burj Khalifa garnered millions of views, and organizers hope the bird's heavy lifting will yield powerful images that make disappearing glaciers impossible to ignore.

Travers has witnessed the melting firsthand during scouting trips ahead of Vic-

tor's travels. A German glacier that had hard-packed snow when he first visited last year is now mushy, he said. "I was stunned," he said. "The difference over a year was incredible."

Disintegrating permafrost, which now glues a glacier's rocks together, can cause them to crumble with potentially devastating consequences.

Victor's flight comes as Italian authorities are scrambling to respond to fears that part of a large Italian glacier near Mont Blanc is on the verge of collapsing. They've warned that falling ice could endanger homes and people in the Val Ferret area, a popular hiking area.

At the rate the planet is warming, it's too late to save the Alps' glaciers, Freedom Conservation Managing Director Ronald Menzel said. But it's not too late to fight climate change more broadly. He hopes Victor's popularity will spur viewers into action. "We hope that once more, people are going to see nature from a totally different perspective and just reconnect to it and realize that wow, it's actually something that is amazing and that we want to do something to preserve," he said. □



In this undated handout photo provided by The Ocean Cleanup, plastic is retained in front of an extended cork line in the Pacific Ocean.

Associated Press

Dutch inventor says his ocean cleaning boom is working

By **MIKE CORDER**
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — After a series of setbacks, a system for catching plastic floating in the Pacific between California and Hawaii is now working, its Dutch inventor said Wednesday.

Boyan Slat, a university dropout who founded The Ocean Cleanup nonprofit, announced that the floating boom is skimming up waste ranging in size from a discarded net and a car wheel complete with tire to chips of plastic measuring just 1 millimeter.

The results are promising enough to begin designing a second system to send to

the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, an area of floating plastic trash twice the size of Texas, Slat said.

But he sounded a note of caution, saying "if the journey to this point taught us anything it is that it's definitely not going to be easy." The floating boom with a tapered 10-foot-deep (3-meter-deep) screen is intended to act like a coastline, trapping some of the 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic that scientists estimate are swirling in the patch while allowing marine life to safely swim beneath it.

After it was towed out to sea last year, the barrier did not catch any trash in its first weeks of operation

because it was moving at the same speed as the plastic. That problem was overcome by using an underwater parachute anchor to slow the boom so it catches quicker moving trash. Also, late last year, the barrier broke under the constant pummeling by wind and waves in the Pacific, requiring four months of repairs before being relaunched from Vancouver in June. The system also experienced a problem with "overtopping" — waves that pushed the plastic over the line of floating corks that hold the screen. That was solved by using a line of larger corks to corral the plastic. □

Netflix's 'Living Undocumented' probes plight of migrants

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— After two decades in the U.S., Alejandra Juarez thought she had it made.

She came to the country illegally after fleeing violence in Mexico but had built a middle-class life in Davenport, Florida, with her husband, Temo, a retired U.S. Marine who voted for Donald Trump.

After Trump became president, Alejandra Juarez discovered that federal immigration authorities had taken an interest in her case. She soon found herself deported despite protests, a congressional bill and emotional pleas from her young daughters. "Living Undocumented," a new Netflix documentary series, investigates her story and the diversity of migrants caught in the intricate U.S. immigration system where uncertainty and pain often battle dreams.

The six-episode series that's now streaming follows the lives of eight families from Latin America, Israel, Laos and Africa who try to live normal lives in the U.S. despite family members' immigration status.

For weeks, film crews follow families as they await



This image released by Netflix shows Luis Diaz, a migrant from Honduras who is living in the U.S. illegally, holding his son Noah in Kansas City, Mo., before the child and his mother are deported in a scene from the six-episode docuseries "Living Undocumented" currently streaming Netflix.

immigration decisions and try to celebrate birthdays, bat mitzvahs and family cookouts in Florida, Texas and South Carolina. Families do their best to live in the present while threats of deportation loom because of changing policies and laws. The series comes as Trump is trying to stop the flow of migrants, many of them fleeing violence, from coming to the U.S. through the Mexican border.

Luis Diaz came to the U.S. from Honduras by riding "the beast" — the feared train from Central America to Mexico. Ron and Karen, a couple from Israel who

didn't give their last names, left amid violence and overstayed their visas.

Vinny Phankhaysy, a refugee from Laos who has a South Carolina accent, faces deportation after the Trump administration determined a drug conviction 15 years ago made him undesirable. Co-directors Anna Chai and Aaron Saidman said they wanted to create a series that allowed the immigrants to speak for themselves and in settings where they felt comfortable. "After building trust, they were eager to share their stories," said Chai, a daughter of immi-

grants who was exposed to immigration issues in the food industry while working on "The Mind of a Chef," a popular PBS series. Saidman said the filmmakers spent time with immigrant families in their everyday lives, as they crack eggs, check their phones, play with their kids and drive around town. Those often mundane habits show how migrants are just like everyone else despite their immigration status, Saidman said.

The series has no narrator. The only time immigration lawyers or policymakers appear are to explain

laws or add context to situations. Everything else is told through the eyes of the migrants. "It's by design," Saidman said. "Their dreams shape the series."

But the series has horrific moments. In the first episode, we meet Diaz, who must turn over his son to his girlfriend, Kenia Bautista-Mayorga, who's in detention in Kansas City, Missouri, and scheduled to be deported to Honduras with her child.

Diaz is also in the country illegally and must decide if he risks deportation himself by giving her a hug goodbye while handing over their crying son. U.S. immigration authorities go back on a promise to allow the couple to say goodbye outside the federal building. He must come inside.

"I feel guilty that I had it so easy," Chai said. Saidman said he and Chai did their best not to make political statements with the series. But he hopes viewers put pressure on elected officials to push for reforms. "I'm really struck how hopeful all of the immigrants are," Saidman said. "They still believe in the American system. As an American, this has renewed my faith in the American dream." □

Stephen, Tabitha King plan changes to iconic Maine home

By DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

Stephen and Tabitha King are ready for the next chapter for their Victorian mansion that stands behind a wrought iron gate festooned with winged creatures and spiderwebs. The authors want to transform the home where they raised their children in Bangor, Maine, into the location for Stephen King's personal archives. A guest house they own next door would host writers in residence.

While the Kings consider Bangor to be their home, they are spending less time there in favor of another home in Maine and

one in Florida, where they have more privacy, said Warren Silver, the Kings' attorney who is speaking on behalf of the couple.

Under the proposal from the couple, the archives formerly held at the University of Maine, the Kings' alma mater, would be moved along with the foundation's offices to the home. Scholars and others could request to see the materials, which would be available by appointment.

The house next door, which the Kings bought in 2004, would provide housing for up to five writers in residence at a time.

The Kings already cleared

the idea with neighbors, and the city planning board gave its nod Tuesday night, Silver said. City council will have the final say later this month.

The fictional Maine town of Derry that appears in many of King's tales, including "It," is based on the author's experiences in Bangor.

Years ago, King used to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters at his Bangor home. But that was before the crowds became too large and tour buses started arriving with greater numbers of camera-toting visitors.

These days, Stephen King, 72, and Tabitha, 70, place



This May 16, 2005, file photo shows the home of authors Stephen and Tabitha King in Bangor, Maine.

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a higher value on their privacy, which they can find at their other homes, Silver said. "It's fair to say he's looking for privacy at this stage of his life," he said. But Stephen King still occasionally greets fans outside that home, said Stu Tinker, operator of SK Tours

of Maine, which takes visitors to sites around Bangor that inspired the author. "It's a real thrill for people to meet him. He's so well-known and loved throughout the world. It's just amazing," said Tinker, who has known the Kings for years. □



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Joaquin Phoenix in a scene from "Joker," in theaters on Oct. 4.

Associated Press

Review: Funny how? In 'Joker' a villain turns '70s anti-hero

By **JAKE COYLE**
AP Film Writer

An air of menace and a cloud of controversy accompany the arrival of Todd Phillips' "Joker" like a thick perfume. That, in itself, could be something to celebrate. Danger isn't a quality often found in the sanitized corporate-made movies of today, least of all in the safe, fan-friendly world of comic-book films. "Joker," though, is a calculatedly combustible concoction, designed, like its chaos-creating character, to cause a stir. To provoke and distort. I wish it was as radical as it thinks it is.

Instead, "Joker" is a mesmerizing, misjudged attempt to marry the madness of a disturbed individual to today's violent and clownish times. It's a shallow, under-examined movie that renders the dark descent of a troubled man with an operatic fervor. That this feels so familiar, like the backstories of countless unhinged gunmen that so populate our tragedy-filled newspapers, could be seen as a powerful and grim reflection of today. Since the film has already so stuck a nerve, perhaps it is. But conjuring psychosis for the sake of a pre-determined origin story, make "Joker" feel cavalier and opportunistic. Its danger, really, is no deeper than a clown's make-up.

The template of "Joker" isn't anything from the comics (Phillips wrote the film with Scott Silver) but a pair of Martin Scorsese films about twisted loners: "Taxi Driver" and "The King of Comedy." To make the point, Phillips has cast Robert De Niro, the star of both of those films, as a late-night host whose show Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix), our Joker-to-be, dreams of being on. Phillips, the maker of male comedies about clung-to adolescence ("Road Trip," "Old School," "The Hangover"), has elevated the Joker from DC Comics villain to '70s-movie anti-hero.

The Arthur we meet is a clown-for-hire and a wan-

nabe stand-up. In the opening scene, he's caking his face with makeup in front of a mirror. His smile already has a plainly forced, unnatural form. It's the crooked outward manifestation of Arthur's anguish. Laughter is the symptom of his heavily medicated disturbance ("All I have is negative thoughts," he tells his social-services case worker), a product, we learn, of a childhood of abuse. To those who look at him strangely he hands a card informing them that he laughs inappropriately, like a condition of Tourette's.

We are, immediately, in a realm very far from the spandexed world of superhero movies. Where there is usually superficial shine, in the human-sized, adult-oriented "Joker" there is grit and grime. It's 1981 in Gotham, but the fictional city has never been so unmistakably New York, home also to Scorsese's Travis Bickle and Rupert Pupkin. Due to a strike, garbage has piled up on the sidewalks. Reports of "super rats" have hit the tabloids. While twirling a sign on the sidewalk ("Everything Must Go"), Arthur is harassed by a group of teenagers and then beaten and mugged in a nearby alleyway.

For Arthur, everything has already gone. His life is pitiful and unrelentingly bleak. Arthur lives with his mother (Frances Conroy). His tenuous grip on employment slips away when a gun, given to him by a coworker after the mugging, slides out of his pants while entertaining children at a hospital.

Phoenix, among the finest actors working, is dramatically thinner here, turning him sinewy and sinister. His face and movement holds the movie together. It's impossible to look away from an actor so fully, so hypnotically throwing himself into a character, even if there's an acting-class self-consciousness to the whole production — one surely indebted in spirit to Heath Ledger's whole-body transformation in "The Dark Knight." But Phoenix has

also been better with similarly broken souls in films like "The Master" and "The Immigrant."

In close-up, Phoenix's smiles are ghastly. He chokes on his laughter. He's been raised to smile through pain, tragically divorcing himself from expressing his emotions.

"Joker" is driven not by any outside force but the ominous sense of something bad welling up in the unloved Arthur. Having won our sympathy through endless indignities, we begin to almost root for him to lash out. When he does, one night on a nearly empty subway (a subterranean gloom pervades the whole film), Arthur has, in a troubling way, self-actualized. This is, of course, who he's meant to be. And it's that leap, from self-pity wallowing to wanton revenge meted out on a sick society, that has made "Joker" rightfully debated. Rather than surround Arthur's horrifying transformation with context, alternatives or rays of light — whether they fall on him or not — "Joker" simply hitches a ride on his freefall in mania.

There's a moment when the film could have charted a different path toward a deeper character study. Instead, it gets on with what needs to happen, the chaos necessary to unlock, with a cold-blooded smothering and point-blank shooting. Arthur's pain and psychosis has been offered up, in the end, not to lead to any understanding of his condition, but for its violent release, and to link to the required comic-book architecture.

It's a testament to the potency of Phillips' vision that "Joker" has already become such a talking point. Phillips and Phoenix have made something to reckon with, certainly, and that alone makes it a bold exception in a frustratingly safe genre. But its biggest danger is in not illustrating but catering to a world gone mad. You have to ask, in the end, why so serious? □

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Diahann Carroll, Oscar-nominated, pioneering actress, dies

By **NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Diahann Carroll, the Oscar-nominated actress and singer who won critical acclaim as the first black woman to star in a non-servant role in a TV series as "Julia," has died. She was 84.

Carroll's daughter, Susan Kay, told The Associated Press her mother died Friday in Los Angeles of cancer.

During her long career, Carroll earned a Tony Award for the musical "No Strings" and an Academy Award nomination for "Claudine." But she was perhaps best known for her pioneering work on "Julia." Carroll played Julia Baker, a nurse whose husband had been killed in Vietnam, in the groundbreaking situation comedy that aired from 1968 to 1971.

Although she was not the first black woman to star in her own TV show (Ethel Waters played a maid in the 1950s series "Beulah"), she was the first to star as someone other than a servant. NBC executives were wary about putting "Julia" on the network during the racial unrest of the 1960s, but it was an immediate hit.

It had its critics, though, including some who said Carroll's character, who is the mother of a young son, was not a realistic portrayal of a black American woman in the 1960s.

"They said it was a fantasy," Carroll recalled in 1998. "All of this was untrue. Much about the character of Julia I took from my own life, my family."

Not shy when it came to confronting racial barriers, Carroll won her Tony portraying a high-fashion American model in Paris who has a love affair with a white American author in the 1959 Richard Rodgers musical "No Strings."

Critic Walter Kerr described her as "a girl with a sweet smile, brilliant dark eyes and a profile regal enough to belong on a coin."

She appeared often in plays previously considered exclusive territory for white actresses: "Same Time, Next Year," "Agnes of God" and "Sunset Boulevard" (as faded star Norma Desmond, the role played by Gloria Swanson in the 1950 film.)

Her film career was sporadic. She began with a secondary role in "Carmen Jones" in 1954 and five years later appeared in "Porgy and Bess," although her singing voice was dubbed because it wasn't considered strong enough for the Gershwin opera. Her other films included "Goodbye Again," "Hurry Sundown," "Paris Blues," and "The Split."

The 1974 film "Claudine" provided her most memorable role.

She played a hard-bitten

single mother of six who finds romance in Harlem with a garbage man played by James Earl Jones.

In the 1980s, she appeared in the long-running prime-time soap opera "Dynasty" for three years. More recently, she had a number of guest shots and small roles in TV series, including playing the mother of Isaiah Washington's character, Dr. Preston Burke, on "Grey's Anatomy."

In 2006, she made her first club appearance in New York in four decades, singing at Feinstein's at the Regency. Reviewing a return engagement in 2007, a New York Times critic wrote that she sang "Both Sides Now" with "the reflective tone of a woman who has survived many severe storms and remembers every lightning flash and thunderclap."

Carol Diann Johnson was born in New York City and attended the High School for the Performing Arts. Her father was a subway conductor and her mother a homemaker.

She began her career as a model, but a prize from "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts" TV show led to nightclub engagements. In her 1998 memoir "Diahann," Carroll traced her turbulent romantic life, which included liaisons with Harry Belafonte, Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Sammy Da-



This May 8, 2013 file photo shows Diahann Carroll at the world premiere of "Peeples" in Los Angeles. Carroll passed away Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 at her home in Los Angeles after a long bout with cancer. She was 84.

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vis Jr., Sidney Poitier and David Frost. She even became engaged to Frost, but the engagement was canceled.

An early marriage to nightclub owner Monte Kay resulted in Carroll's only child, Suzanne, as well as a divorce. She also divorced her second husband, retail

executive Freddie Glusman, later marrying magazine editor Robert DeLeon, who died.

Her most celebrated marriage was in 1987, to singer Vic Damone, and the two appeared together in nightclubs. But they separated in 1991 and divorced several years later. □

'Michael Jackson's This Is It' gets box set after 10 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

A small-batch box set of film, music and memorabilia will be released to celebrate the 10th anniversary of "Michael Jackson's This Is It," the movie that captured Jackson's final concert rehearsals before his death.

Only 1,000 numbered copies will be made of the set that is available for presale at the Jackson online store and will be released on Dec. 11, Sony Music and the Jackson estate announced Friday.

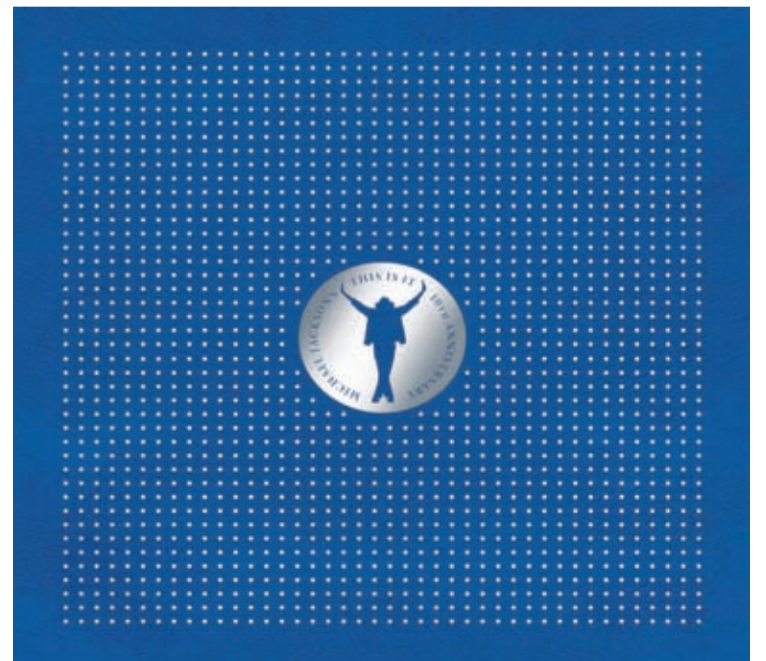
Each will include four LPs on translucent-blue vinyl, a 3-D Blu-Ray disc of the film, a 60-page coffee table book and a ticket for a July 24, 2009 concert at O2 Arena in London that was never held because Jackson died 18 days before the shows was scheduled to begin.

The film, which had the highest global box office gross of any concert documentary, was released in theaters that October, the first of several posthumous projects the Jackson estate

would produce.

It was culled from the rehearsal footage for what was to have been a comeback tour before Jackson's doctor after his doctor gave him a fatal dose of the anesthetic propofol.

It's among the first Jackson projects announced since renewed allegations of child sexual abuse against the singer made in the Emmy-winning documentary "Leaving Neverland," which Jackson's estate has repeatedly attacked and challenged in court. □



This box set cover image released by Sony Music shows Michael Jackson's This Is It 10th anniversary box set

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